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The Trumpeter

Church of the Holy Spirit, 3 Haytown Road, Lebanon, NJ

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OUR MISSION: *To become Christ as we serve others, proclaim God's love, and grow in The Spirit.*



Tuesday a.m. staff meeting

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Letters to the Women of Edna Mahan

January 2021



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Dear Ones,

“I watch this morning for the light that the darkness has not overcome. I watch for the fire that was in the beginning and that burns still in the brilliance of the rising sun. I watch for the glow of life that gleams in the growing earth and glistens in sea and sky. I watch for your light, O God, in the eyes of every living creature and in the ever-living flame of my own soul. If the grace of seeing were mine this day I would glimpse you in all that lives. Grant me the grace of seeing this day. Grant me the grace of seeing this day.”

This quote is from the Celtic teacher and author John Powell Newell and it speaks of the light in the darkness, the fire, the rising sun, the glow of life, God’s light, glistening sea and sky, and the ever-living flame of our souls. All these pictorial words describe light. Can you see each of them shining brightly in your imagination? I believe, as human beings inhabiting this fragile earth, we are all called to be a light to the world. We each bring light into the room with our presence, our words, and our actions. We may never know how our light affects others. Our light may well be an answer to their prayers.

Our light to the world can be seen in our kind words, our stories, our listening ears, our letters of encouragement, our singing, our laughter, our sharing of food or a recipe, and our every interaction, no matter how small. It demonstrates to others we are thinking of them and honoring them with the gift of ourselves. God has given us each gifts and it is our responsibility as inhabitants of our world to demonstrate and use these gifts as often as possible.

Doesn’t it feel great to have someone say, “Gee, I like how your hair looks.”? Doesn’t it feel great to send a letter to a loved one and receive one in return? Doesn’t it feel great to have someone listen attentively to what you have to say without any judgment? When these occasions happen, they truly warm our hearts like the light, the fire, and the sun do.

So in the month ahead, let us each demonstrate when we can that we are truly a light to the world. I believe the more we can be this light, the happier and more fulfilled we will feel. It will not make us appear weak, but rather strong in our commitment to be a good human being. And as we all know, positivity begets more positivity. This can be achieved no matter where we are. It will take effort on our part, but the rewards will be overwhelming. We will receive much more than we ever give.

I send many blessings for each of you and your families. I pray your next month continues to find you healthy and content.

With love and prayers,

Deacon Johnine



Palm Sunday, March 28, 2021

Greetings from the Church of the Holy Spirit community. We want you to know that you are in our thoughts and prayers every day.

As Lent has come to a close and we enter Holy Week on this Palm Sunday, I have been thinking about what it means to encounter Jesus in my life. Recently, a portion of Chapter 12 of John's Gospel, which describes the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem, was read at a Sunday service at our church. John writes "The next day the great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him shouting 'Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord - the King of Israel.'" John writes that at first the disciples of Jesus did not understand the crowd's reaction to Jesus. Here were the people who were closest to Jesus. They had seen the wonderous things that He had done and heard His preaching firsthand. Yet, they did not understand what was happening.

Later in the chapter, John writes "Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him. 'Sir, we wish to see Jesus.'" These people were Gentiles (non-Jews), complete strangers, who wanted to meet Jesus. We do not hear whether they ever got to meet Jesus, but we know that they wanted to encounter Him.

I feel like the Greeks in this chapter. Unlike the disciples, I can never know Jesus in person, but I want to encounter Him. And I do, not only through prayer, but also in others who strive to be Christ-like in their lives. One of the most meaningful ways that I have encountered Jesus is through the women in our Bible Study and Shawl Ministry groups at Edna Mahan. I have been awed by the powerful faith that many of the women have. Jesus is a real presence in their lives. I like to say that when I am at Bible Study at Edna Mahan, I feel the real presence of Jesus in the room. I see Jesus in how those women behave and what they have to say. Their heavily used Bibles say it all. These are people who have a deep and abiding faith. They are the children of light that John writes about when he quotes Jesus in Chapter 12 as saying "The light is with you for a little longer. Walk while you have the light, so that the darkness may not overtake you. If you walk in the darkness, you do not know where you are going. While if you have the light, believe in the light, so that you may become children of light."

Have a blessed Holy Week and a Happy Easter. Know that you are in our hearts. We anxiously await the day that we can see each other again.

In Peace.

John Andrews

During the pandemic we have been unable to conduct our ministries at Edna Mahan Correctional Facility for Women. In October we began a monthly inspirational letter to the women so that they know that we are thinking about and praying for them. So far the prison ministry volunteers have been writing the letters, but anyone in the parish is welcome to do so. Please contact me at andrewsjohnt@comcast.net if you are interested in writing one of the monthly letters in 2021.

From the New Zealand Version of the Anglican Prayer Book



Church of the Good Shepherd, Lake Tekapo, NZ

Collect of the Day for Easter Eve (Year B)

Eternal Giver of life and light,
 this holy night shines with the radiance of the risen Christ:
 renew your Church with the Spirit given to us in baptism,
 that we may worship you in sincerity and truth,
 and shine as a light in the world;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord,
 who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,
 Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
 Source of all that is and that shall be, Father and Mother of us all,
 Loving God, in whom is heaven:
 The Hallowing of your name echo through the universe!
 The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!
 Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!
 Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth.
 With the bread we need for today, feed us.
 In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
 In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
 From trials too great to endure, spare us.
 From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
 For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and for ever.

Treasurer's report



As of the end of February our financial results for 2021 were as follows:

	YTD	Budget YTD
Operating Revenue	\$ 69,969	\$ 46,328
Total Expense	\$ 52,132	\$ 55,017
Net	\$ 17,837	\$ (8,869)

Thank you to those that have sent in a pledge for 2021. According to the pledge clerk, we have received 66 pledges in the amount of \$180,966 so far. Our budget goal is \$190,000 for 2021, so we are slightly behind at this point. If you haven't sent in your pledge, you may still do so via mail to the Church or by contacting our pledge clerk, Eva Lesniak.

A couple of notes regarding our finances:

- † Our revenue number is slightly high due to the fact that all prepaid 2021 pledges that were donated in 2020 are applied to the books in January. This amount is almost \$15,000.
- † Our PPP loan from 2020 in the amount of \$29,205 was forgiven by the SBA on February 25th. These loan proceeds were earmarked for salaries in 2020 so the funds will be reflected in our financials in March, now that the loan is no longer a liability.
- † We applied for a second PPP loan in early March and were approved for \$20,210. Again, these funds will be used for salaries in 2021. We expect to be able to apply for loan forgiveness near the end of the year. This new loan will be a liability and will not show on our monthly financial reports per Diocesan guidelines.
- † Our 2020 Parochial Report (a multi-page document outlining our finances, church programs and Church services) was submitted in March to both the Diocese and the National Church.

Thank you to all parishioners who added CHS as their charity in the Amazon Smile program. We continue to receive quarterly distributions from Amazon as a percentage of items purchased. CHS received almost \$175 from your purchases in February.

Stay healthy and hope to see you in person in the near future. Thank you for your continued financial, time and talent support of CHS.

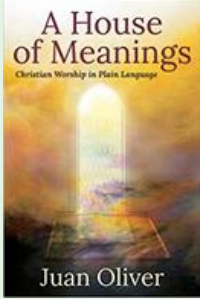
As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me.

Sally Bird, Treasurer

Year-End Giving Statements were mailed by January 31st. If you find any errors or omissions, please contact Pledge Clerks Dave Marlow and/or Eva Lesniak. Note that Federal Tax Returns have an extended deadline of May 17.



Far Right Photo: Eva Lesniak. Fr. Phil's prescription confirmation for completed house blessings during Epiphany 2021.



Theology on Tap Special Book Discussion Continues in April

The author, Juan Oliver, Custodian of the Prayer Book, will be joining our meeting for the second time in April. Please feel free to get a copy and join us on Zoom. Or join us without the book. The link can be found in our weekly email and on the website.

Diane Bendahmane

Red Wagon

Dear friends,

We recently received a letter from the Open Cupboard Food Pantry, thanking us for donating nearly 700 pounds of food in 2020. This was a great achievement, because COVID made everything so very difficult!! To continue our generosity, please consider donating canned soup, pasta, or vegetables for the next two months. Also, if you are fortunate to receive a free ham or frozen lasagna from a grocery store, the Food Pantry will gladly accept the donation (they have freezers and fridges). Personal toiletries, diapers, and even gift cards are most welcome. Katie and I will be glad to deliver your donations. We gave them 130 pounds of food recently, and they were so delighted, because donations continue to be fewer than usual. Thank you so very much for your kind support.

Suzanne and Katie Higgins

You can bring groceries to CHS or to the Open Cupboard in Clinton. [If it's more convenient, send a check or ShopRite gift card to the Open Cupboard Food Pantry, 37 Old Highway 22, PO Box 5071, Clinton 08809.]

Prison Ministry/Writers and Crafters Wanted

On pages 2-3 you will see the monthly letters that Deacon Johnine and John Andrews have written to the women at Edna Mahan in calendar 2021. While they aren't a substitute for the shawl ministry's twice-weekly visits to Grounds and Maximum Security and the prayer meetings also held there, they do let the women know that we miss them and are praying for them.

Since the knitters and crocheters within the walls are not able to meet without us, our shawls are in very short supply. Deacon Dot is now the coordinator of the shawl ministry at CHS and can help you with yarn, patterns and instruction. If this piques your interest, do let her know! dnhospador@optonline.net





Holy Hikes

Holy Hikes is a nationwide network of Christian ministries committed to rebuilding communion with all of creation. It was begun in 2020 by the Reverend Justin Cannon in the Episcopal Diocese of California. He realized there are opportunities to worship God in the outdoors, in praise to Him for the beauty and stewardship we all enjoy. These hikes are held year-round in what John Muir has called God's "first temples" – which could be in our local parks, along our favorite hiking trails, or perhaps beside our shorelines.

I began the NJ chapter of Holy Hikes in January, and my plan is to schedule hikes each month on a Saturday morning. So far, I have conducted hikes locally, along the Ken Lockwood Gorge and on Cushetunk Mountain. Attendance has grown, and I'm hopeful that we will continue to attract hikers from all around, regardless of religious background or church affiliation. Our March hike included staff and students from the RVCC community in addition to familiar faces from Holy Spirit.

The structure of the hikes, as Justin has outlined, should ideally follow a liturgical service. I generally arrange for four "stops" along the way: a Collect, a lesson from that week's lectionary, a poem, and then the Peace at the end. Hikers are asked to interpret these readings as they walk along and share if they feel so moved. Or, if they want to just call our attention to a bird or a particular view, that's okay too!

Because this is a new ministry at CHS, I'm open to new hike locations if you have a particular favorite in the central NJ area. I like to keep our hikes under 2 hours if possible since folks may have other things to do on their Saturdays! If you have ideas on spreading the word or have a hiking trail which you would like to feature some month, contact me at [Julie Stine@yahoo.com](mailto:Julie_Stine@yahoo.com). Our next hike is scheduled for **Saturday, April 17th at 9:00 am** at Hacklebarney State Park.

Julie Stine

The Mustard Seed

Our new monthly hardcopy (printed on paper) newsletter is being sent via **snail mail (U.S. Mail)** to every CHS child or youth in our congregation's database. Each issue contains information about church events and news during the upcoming month that would be of interest to and fun for our young people and teenagers, including:

- † the date, time, ingredients and kitchen equipment needed for "Cooking with Father Phil+"
- † the date, time, and place of the upcoming month's "Holy Hike"
- † Youth Group meeting dates and times (for 6th to 12th graders)
- † other upcoming Christian formation activities and social events that are geared toward our children or teenagers
- † photographs taken during the previous month's gatherings

Special thanks to the Rev. John Rollins, who designed the newsletter banner, and to Trumpeter editor Vicki Brooks, who helped set up the newsletter format ease of publication.

If your child has not received a copy of The Mustard Seed, please send an email to: support@churchholyspirit.net, subject: The Mustard Seed, containing your child's name, age (birth month and year), and home address, and we will ensure they are added to the church mailing database. Thank you!



Eva Lesniak

What's Happening:



Cooking with Fr. Phil

If you love cooking shows, or just love cooking, you should be watching the 'Cooking with Fr. Phil' series. To date, Chef Philippe has presented two episodes: Pancakes for Shrove Tuesday in February and Sweet Corn chowder in March. And what fun this has been! Marge Keller is Phil's sous chef while he banters with the kids on Zoom. He is able to find and talk about the theology behind the food as well as offer some tips for making the day's recipe.

While this show is aimed at younger children, everyone is welcome to join in the fun. Younger children will be receiving information in The Mustard Seed, a newsletter just for those under 18 including recipe and list of ingredients [see article previous page].

Coming up next, 'Pizza Your Way' on **April 17th at 5:00 pm**. The teen youth group will be live prior to their weekly meeting and we hope you will join us on the CHS Zoom (watch for a link on CHSNews and website). Pizza kits, enough to make one large pie, can be pre-ordered with 24 hours notice from Dominick's in Clinton for \$11.99. Pizza dough can be purchased at ShopRite or most pizza parlors. Use your favorite red sauce and shredded mozzarella. Of course, your favorite toppings might include pepperoni, peppers, onions — your preference.

Eucharist in Spanish

Many years ago, my husband, Jim, and I served as missionaries to Cristo Rey, our adopted sister parish in Trenton. Our commitment was to be there one Sunday a month to assist in the mass, with Sunday School and youth group among other duties Fr. Pozo asked of us. We also took groups of young people and adults to work on Good Friday and to experience the Latino culture first hand.

I hope to reinstitute that program once churches are allowed to open fully. I want you to experience what many other experienced in the past. To that end, I hope you will accompany me to Trenton where we will attend the mass in Spanish with people of many central American countries, Mexico and Puerto Rico.

To help you feel more comfortable, I will start teaching the mass in Spanish via Zoom beginning on **April 20th at 7:00 pm**. You already know the prayers; saying them in Spanish is a matter of pronunciation. I want you to understand what is happening and to be able to participate with the other congregants. We will start with the most familiar prayer, the Lord's Prayer and go from there. Information and the link are available on the website — *Marge Keller*

Good Friday Service Day Once Removed

While we were unable to hold our annual Service Day last year and this, we have forwarded that tradition to **Saturday, May 1** starting at 9:00 am. The project will be to clean up the area around the church yard and parking lot and will include weeding, trimming shrubbery, raking up leaves and other debris and spreading mulch in the garden beds. All hands are welcome including children, as this is an outdoors activity.

As with our normal Service Day, bring work gloves, rakes, clippers, garden shovels or other gardening equipment. Since we expect this work to take several hours, we will order individually wrapped subs to enjoy while socializing and physical distancing. Water will be provided. And don't forget your masks!

Room by Room—a tidy-up project

As we have not been able to occupy the building for our normal use, many areas of the church require a tidy-up—clearing out 'stuff', dusting, wipe down tables, etc. and sweeping. We will be scheduling this on a room by room basis, on weekday afternoons, some Saturdays, too. To maintain social distancing, we will need one to two persons per room and we hope you will be able to offer up a few hours, as you are able. Masks and rubber gloves should be considered. We will supply the cleaning products needed.



SKIT

SKIT is presenting Sound of Music this year in May. Because of the limitation with indoor activities, they will be using our parking lot and will have a stage set up at the back end of the lot. The performances are on the weekends of **May 7** and **May 14th**. The week prior to the start of performances, they will have rehearsals and technical setup every afternoon. On Saturdays, they start at 11:00 am and Sundays they will be there starting at noon. They will be parking on the lot during performance nights with overflow at Round Valley School. Please drive carefully and avoid the lot during performances.

Box City 2021



Each year, Family Promise of Hunterdon County hosts its **Box City** fundraiser with the help of Hunterdon County businesses, schools, and communities who help us bring awareness to the issue of homelessness. This is a critical year for the organization, as the COVID-19 pandemic has wreaked havoc on populations that were already vulnerable. For example, our faithful cooks have not been able to supply the dinners that Family Promise had come to depend upon. Because of physical distancing the boxes can't be set up on the track at North Hunterdon High School as has been the custom. But the creative folks behind this fundraiser are undeterred. So on the evening of May 15th registered groups will set up their boxes in their own yards and send in photos of themselves and their boxes after the event ends on the morning of the 16th. See our website and that of Family Promise for additional information and registration instructions. We hope that CHS will have a young team represented!!

Pentecost/Welcome Back Celebration

Save **Saturday May 22nd** for a Pentecost Eve-Welcome Back party. We will celebrate outdoors (weather permitting) with a BBQ/Picnic. Watch for details on CHSNews and website as plan are finalized. **Pentecost Sunday, May 23rd** with services at 8 and 10. Wear **RED**

Got Change

Started by Deacon Johnine many years ago to help support our adopted family with needs not covered by the church budget. On the second Sunday of each month you'll see a basket on the round table in the Narthex to accept cash donations that pay for items beyond the family income. Some examples are clothes and supplies for the children, unexpected medical bills, home repairs and providing sports activities for the children. A **We Care** team of dedicated members has been meeting weekly to support them with driving to medical appointments, supporting children with school issues including preparation for college admission, taking the older children for driver's permits and driving school, among many other things.

Your donation, *no matter how small*, will help when it becomes part of the pool of money. You may also use the Donate button on the church website; just make sure you mark the donation as "Got Change".

Lemonade on the Porch

Plans are underway for this new summer activity, which will include reading poetry and prose, prayers and liturgy. The intent is to have a social visit with one another and also discover ways of reading the beauty of the words written for pure pleasure and for praise of the Lord. Specific plans and dates to be announced in CHSNews and on the website.

Help Wanted

Experience with social media needed to help market Church of the Holy Spirit to the local community. Knowledge of how to create graphics and text required with the goal of attracting new members in the varied ministries of the church. If interested, send a resume to support@churchholyspirit.net; attention Personnel Committee.

Around the County

Farm Stands Re-energized: (check individual websites for operating hours and days—here's an easy link: [Farm markets Hunterdon County - Bing](#) or search individual web pages for most up-to-date information.

Open Year-Round

- Dutch Country Farmer's Market Flemington (behind Shoprite off Rtes 202/31—Thursday - Saturday)
- Hunterdon Land Trust at Dvoor Farms—some Sundays
- Phillips Farms Milford most days
- Schaefer Farms Flemington open all week
- Stangl Market Flemington Saturdays 9:00 am—1:00 pm
- Stockton Market, Stockton (best pizza in the county!

Coming Soon

- Cervenka Farms Flemington (some say best local corn in season —this editor agrees!)
- Clinton Market at the North Branch Library (Sundays 9-1) Many of the same vendors as Stangl Flemington
- And many more! Happy Spring/Summer everyone—and aren't we glad to welcome the new season!



Where to Donate Unneeded Items:

- Food Pantries — Open Cupboard, Clinton; Flemington Food Pantry — and food of course!
- The Outreach Connection, Rte. 513, Califon
- Raritan Valley Habitat for Humanity ReStore, Manville. (Good for furniture)
- The Top 'O The Barn, River Road, Califon
- Veteran's Haven North, Glen Gardner—see their website for information—mostly new items needed. Check the Narthex at CHS for the donation box.
- Yesterday's Treasures (Hunterdon Medical Center Thrift Shop) Flemington

It's best to check individual websites for hours and wanted items. Some would prefer you call for an appointment before you bring in your treasures.

County Shredding/Recycling:

Check [Hunterdon County Solid Waste and Recycling Services](#) for hours and specifics

- First of four annual shred dates at the Hunterdon County Complex on Route 12 is **Saturday, April 24th**
- First of two Electronic Waste Days is **Saturday, June 19th**
- Hazardous Waste Days to come

CHSchool

New classes completed include:

- † Karen Sammer pulled double duty with her class on “The Importance of Stress Management” in January and Healthy Hearts Month, she gave a renewed discussion on “Heart Health” in February for Healthy Hearts Month.
- † On March 3 and 10 Deb Kline led us in “Chair Yoga” incorporating spirituality, mindfulness, and stress management through movement. It was all that and left us wanting more! The search is on.
- † “Ministry to Families of Incarceration” with Rev Sharon Sheridan Hausman met on March 12th. So motivating while simultaneously very troubling!
- † On March 14-Dr Jackie Manfre, of Thrive Chiropractic serving both pets and their owners in Lambertville, discussed “Integrative Health”.
- † Art with Whitney Wetherill continues Mondays at 10:00 am and Wednesdays at 12:00 noon. Classes are about an hour long. Whitney welcomes interested folks to join: if you’d like to try your hand at something new or are returning to an activity you once enjoyed, let me know. I’d be happy to give you some information. Vicki (gracehappens@centurylink.net)



New to the list:

- † The Eucharist in Spanish — Marge Keller will lead us. (See her article on page 8). Class will start on **April 20th**.
- † Master Gardener Mary Schwenkler has agreed to lead us in a lesson on “Gardening Basics Specific to West Central New Jersey”. Details will follow — watch the CHS weekly news.
- † On **April 24th at 2:00 pm**, a Kentucky expat will offer a class titled “How to Southern”. *[Any guesses who that expat is? Hmm...Ed.]* if there’s interest, this one could be met with follow-ups on How to Mid-West, How to Puerto Rico, or How to...well, you get the idea. If you feel moved to discuss your area of origin, so much the better! Just let me know.

A big CHS thank you to all our presenters and to Deacon Michelleslie, who has been CHSchool’s driving force since its inception NINE months ago!!

As the pandemic fades, CHSchool may also change form but as long as interest continues so will we.

Judy Linger

Pulse of the Parish

Here are the birthdays for April and May, with thanks to Marge Keller. God grant them many years.

April			May		
Patrick	Birdsall	6	Cynthia	Schneider	1
Roberta	Maas-Wester	6	Colin	Gora	4
Brendan	Feeley	9	Debbie	Parker	4
Kaylin	Feeley	9	Judith A.	Cahall	12
Polly	Treut	9	Matthew	Cagno	13
Diane	Bendahmane	10	Peter	Wester	13
Mary "Aimee"	Olsen	10	Joseph	Gerish	14
Joanne	Shallo	11	David	Livingston	14
Dave	Dabour	12	Chloe	Shive	17
Andra	Taylor	13	Destiny	Daniels	18
Jane	Anderson	15	Jake	Altom	20
Mollie	Gora	21	William	Altom	20
Bella	Shallo	23	David	Schnaudt	20
Jane	Paradiso	24	Alice	Hrebella	23
Susan	Landgraf	27	Gary	Scott	25
Dorothea	Hospador	29	Katie	Higgins	27
Charles (Sandy)	Burton	30	Denise	Shaughnessy	27
			Marianne	Van Deursen	27
			Aubrey	Shive	31

We welcome into the household of God:

Alexandra Curie Prince, daughter of Victoria Prince and Rudy Perez, on Saturday February 27th. Alexandra is the granddaughter of old friends Roger Prince and Diane Gunson, members of St Thomas Alexandria.

Malcolm Egbert Wilson, son of Alyx Mattison and Iain Wilson, and granddaughter of Cate and Tom Mattison, in Halifax, UK on Wednesday, March 24.

In Memoriam:

William W. Tourjee, age 93; father of Nanette Chardoussin and grandfather of Ashley Rivera, on Friday, March 5, 2021 at his daughter's home in Franklin Township.

Don Douglas, father of Darcy (Douglas) Varga and Vicki's son Chris and grandfather of Harley and Zoe, on March 30 in High Bridge, NJ.

Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord, and light perpetual shine upon them. May their souls, and the souls of all the departed, rest in peace and rise in glory.

Ed. Note: This is another plea to alert us to life events so that we can include them in Pulse of the Parish. Please feel free to reach out to me with changes. You might also want to send a note to admin@churcholyspirit.net when such events (births, marriages, deaths, moves) occur in your family. Vicki. (gracehappens@centurylink.net).

HOLD THE DATES

April 9 Second Friday Zoom Prayers with the Convent of St. John Baptist and Friends

April 15 Vestry Meeting

April 17 Holy Hike

April 20 Eucharist in Spanish class begins

April 24 How to Southern

May 1 Churchyard Cleanup Day

May 9 Mothers' Day

May 15 Box City in Your Own Backyard

May 22 We are back! (Pentecost celebration)

May 23 Pentecost Sunday

May 30 Trinity Sunday

May 31 Memorial Day

June 20 Father's Day and Summer Solstice

Recurring Meetings

Tues—Thurs **12:00 pm — Noonday Prayer

**8:00 pm, Compline

Tuesdays **6:00 am, Bible Study

Wednesdays ** Virtual Chaplaincy with Deacon Michelleleslie 3:00—6:00 pm Call her at 908-442-8063 (GIB TONE).

**6 00 pm, Theology on Tap (note change of day and new time)

Third Thursday **7:00 pm, Vestry Meeting (all are welcome: a vestry member can provide the link)

Fridays **Virtual Chaplaincy with Deacon Michelleslie 4:00-7:00 pm Call her at 908-442-8063 (GIB TONE).

Saturdays **7:00 pm Youth Group Meeting

Sundays **8:00 and 10:00 am —**Virtual or in-person services (Eucharist can be delivered at home if requested).

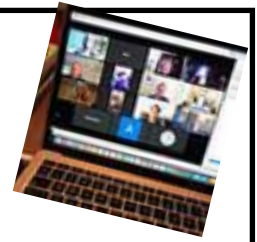
Virtual Chaplaincy with Deacon Michelleleslie 12:00-6:00 pm Call her at 908-442-8063 (GIB TONE).

Meetings are held by Facebook Live and Zoom. Links are posted on the CHS Website and Thursday and Saturday's CHS News. While you're on the CHS website, see what else is going on — it is updated often. And speaking of the CHS News and Website, kudos to the extraordinary Jan Paxton and John Rollins for all they do to keep the news updated. They are awe-inspiring!!! The CHS website calendar is kept up to date by the remarkable Marge Keller — thank you Marge! And it's only as current as the information she receives, so if *your* event is not listed or the date changes, who is responsible??

If you have a question about any event or need help, email the church office: admin@churchholyspirit.net or consult the website www.churchholyspirit.org



Sanctuary Technology Upgrade



A team of twelve has been meeting since January to plan and implement a significant technology upgrade in the Sanctuary.

Three cameras that can pan and zoom have been installed up on the transept corner beams and above the doors into the sanctuary. New ethernet cabling has been run to improve the church's local area network. The church's internet speed has been increased fourfold to improve streaming of our worship services through Zoom and Facebook Live. New audiovisual production equipment will better manage the ongoing broadcasting of our hybrid worship services. Members of the team have been "ringing out the room" during Holy Week to synchronize audio and video feeds.

A group of CHS volunteers has worked for the past few months to enhance the sound and video quality of CHS's worship. Realizing that in the future our services will be hybrid – both in-person at church and remote via Zoom and Facebook Live – steps have been taken to improve how we experience our spiritual life together.

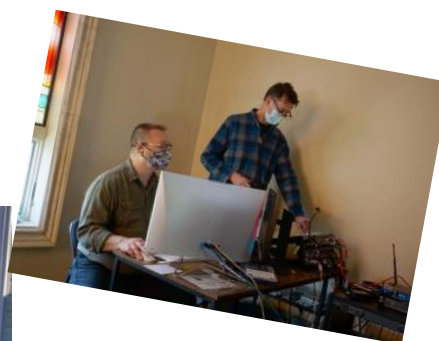
A new audio system recommended by Chris Varga [Vicki Brooks's son] employs a new soundboard with audio inputs from personal microphones, the ambo microphone, and microphones for the organ. These will feed not only the interior speakers, but also the sound going out on Zoom and Facebook Live feeds.

Three PTZ cameras have been mounted in the sanctuary to provide Zoom and Facebook Live worshippers with clear video of the worship from several angles, and will enable doing away with the laptop computer in the center of the worship space. *[PTZ stands for pan, tilt and zoom, giving great flexibility no matter how the worship space is configured.]* All are controlled via a new computer with double monitors mounted just behind the organ console. The cameras have a wired connection which necessitated running cables through the walls, challenging the skills of Fr. Phil, John Higgins, Jim West and Dave Scott, who were also responsible for mounting the cameras.

Researching the equipment and configuring the computer and software were John Rollins and Dave Dabour, supported by Chris Varga. Heading up the general project, assisting in placing the orders and general follow-up were Eva Lesniak, Marge Keller, Jan Paxton, Tom McGrew, and Dot Hospador. All this would not have been possible without the support of many, including some very generous anonymous gifts.

Stay tuned! The upgrade is almost done and began to be implemented on Easter!

John Rollins



Photos:

(l) John Rollins;
(b) Marge Keller

Photos: Eva Lesniak



Snapshots



Imposition of ashes

A heartfelt THANK YOU to Webmaster Jan Paxton for providing these images of the Lenten Season just past and the Easter joy just begun! You can see more of them on the CHS website: www.churchholyspirit.org. And thanks also to Eva Lesniak, Marge Keller, John Rollins, Jeff Gora, Michelle Marlow and every other CHS shutterbug for providing such great visual memories! And another THANK YOU, no less sincere, to all those who shopped, cooked, drove, delivered and sorted! A total of 80 prepared meals went out — 50 to Herman Kapp Senior Residence and another 30 to Church of the Holy Spirit members. Each scrumptious dinner was accompanied by rolls and homemade cookies made by our church teens in a bag decorated by the Girl Scouts.



Maunder Thursday Supper via Zoom



Delicious Love



Groceries to Cristo Rey



Left: Easter Vigil Service with bonfire Below, Easter Sunday celebrated indoors [and on Zoom and Facebook Live]. Speaking of live, it was wonderful to have Alexei back in three dimensions, and so lovely to hear the organ ring out again after a long absence! And thanks to the Scouts for their artwork!!!



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