



*Our door is always open ...*

# The Trumpeter

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



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## From the Rector's Desk



*"Should old acquaintance be forgot?"*

Short answer: No! But. What do you mean by "acquaintance?"

The past months of pandemic have had us rely on technology to maintain some sort of community. But let's all admit community is thin. It is thin not because we don't care or because it wasn't real, or because it wasn't as important as we thought it was. Oh, no. Community is thin because life is thinner. Virtual life is not life, really. It's not the real thing. It may be what passes for life in this moment but it's life once removed. The only reason Zoom worship works at any level, if it does, is because we had the experience of worship previously. Community on the Internet is likewise impartial. It is not fraudulent, per se. But it's not the real deal. In the same way, social media friends are not friends. They're acquaintances. Friends will clean up after you're sick, drive you to the store, grieve with you over a loss, belly laugh over some shared silliness, celebrate a small victory, slap you in the face to help you wake up or correct a wrong. Acquaintances cannot be counted for any of this, regardless of how we might be cheered on by their postings and arguments to the causes one espouses.

Acquaintance is a medieval word from old French, and has the sense of making known. *Acointier* comes from Latin (but of course!). This verb root is cognition and joins ad-, "to," and cognoscere, "to come to know." It is distinct from the known friend. And its cousin gives that away: the word *quaint* is almost dismissive, "fine" and "neat." It started out meaning "crafty," and "ingenious," and has evolved to "odd" and now, it is mostly an insult of being "old-fashioned." Well, call me quaint, but no acquaintance. There's a point here. I wander down the etymological byway to get to an idea that we might consider this Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany in the midst of a raging, unacceptably out-of-control pandemic.

We can survive and even grow in this moment if we come to welcome the divine presence as no mere acquaintance but a known friend. We can find a deeper place in our hearts as our faith moves from being quaint, something fine and neat, and sinks deeply into our souls and hearts and minds as a Grace, a Fulfillment, a Companion, a Hope. While this pandemic moment has us making lesser substitutes for the real thing, we might want to have our spiritual expectations properly in place. Those expectations, especially in this church-time of Advent expectation, are grounded in the most real of all things, a Saving Grace. I invite you to the deep. Together.

So sing of old acquaintances on New Year's Eve and even relish the folks you find of like mind on the Internet. Perhaps make a momentary peace with the thinness of remote worship. But make no mistake, the realness of your Friend is ever present. Go to the deep place with Christ. Though we as a Body are apart, nothing can ever separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

+Philip



## Special Night Prayer Thursdays @ 8:00 pm 12/10 & 12/17

Songs and prayers with Fran McKendree.

Fran is a longtime friend of mine and of our parish. I invite you to visit his website to enjoy some of his music: <https://www.franmckendree.com/>

He has not only worshiped with us when he was in NJ running diocesan youth events, but he found time to offer concerts with our friends at Edna Mahan Correctional Facility.

It's always a delight to be in his presence and I hope you will find the time to join us.

Though the three services will be livestreamed on Facebook, you do not need to have a Facebook account to see them.

+Philip

## *Musings from the Senior Warden*



It's hard to believe that it's been 5 months since I last shared my thoughts, encouraging all of you to remember the hope, joy, faith, love and healing that surrounds us, even during these trying times. And as this unprecedented, surreal, crazy year is coming to a close, I'm overjoyed that, as I look back over the past few months, our strong community of faith has done just that.

We've remained hopeful, by continuing to look towards the future. Not only the future of a vaccine, which is closer now than ever before, but the future of our worship and being able to physically gather together again to break bread and share the peace. It's not as far off as you may think!

We've continued to find joy through celebrating life. Birthdays, marriages and anniversaries. We've also continued to keep our fellowship strong, through phone calls and Zoom gatherings, outdoor activities and one hugely successful and immensely entertaining virtual auction! We're also using this opportunity to learn and grow together and from each other, through the CHSchool and the amazing offerings by our extremely talented parishioners. As always, our community of faith endures, even if it looks different than usual.

We've absolutely kept the faith. Through the tireless work of our fearless rector, Fr. Phil, and the support of our deacons, musicians, Vestry and congregation, we have navigated the confusing world of virtual worship and dare I say, have gotten the hang of it! Of course, there are still occasional technical hiccups, but overall, it has become our way to stay connected and continue to worship together, even while physically apart. And even when we are back together at CHS, we will continue with virtual worship as an option and as Phil has mentioned, never have a 'snow day' again! This is a great example of something positive resulting from an initially negative situation.

Through all the hardship and uncertainty over the past few months, love is one thing that has never faltered. It has been demonstrated constantly through the persistent compassion, caring and support of the CHS community. We continue to care for each other and hold each other up through the most difficult of times. And we remain steadfast in our outreach as well, even though we've had to adjust what that looks like. But we persevere, actively living our mission, *To follow Christ as we serve others, proclaim God's love, and grow in The Spirit.*

And finally, we've remembered the importance of healing. Unfortunately, we have suffered a great deal of loss over the past few months and that healing has never been more important than it is now. There is something to be said about the old adage, "time heals all wounds." But healing doesn't happen in a vacuum. It takes faith and love and sometimes even forgiveness. During those struggles, the caring of those around us (like our CHS community, whose support never waivers), is a treasure.

Reflecting on all of this makes me so proud and grateful to be part of our strong, loving community, a group that makes it much easier to deal with the unstable world around us. Thank you for continuing to find the good amongst the bad, the light amongst the dark, and most importantly, to practice the faith that sustains us.

*Tracy MacGeorge*

### **Breaking News from Fr. Phil:**

*Each Sunday for the next several weeks, we have special guests joining us via Zoom after the sermon.*

*Leaders from our Diocese of New Jersey will join us for a brief conversation based on the readings. Staff and commission chairpersons will offer a brief response to the proclamation of the Gospel and engage with Fr. Phil on a vision for the Church in the coming months and years ahead. This week: The Rev. Dr. Rob Droste, Canon for Congregational Development and Mission.*

## Treasurer's report



As of the end of October our financial results for 2020 are as follows:

	YTD	Budget YTD
Operating Revenue	\$ 241,768	\$ 250,687
Total Expense	\$ 254,068	\$ 272,221
Net	\$ (12,300)	\$ (21,534)

Thank you to those who have been able to keep current with their giving. We are grateful for all of your continued support during these difficult times.

A couple of notes regarding our finances:

- † This report includes adjustments in our budget for some income line items due to the decreased use of our building and adjusted pledge commitments.
- † Upon the urging of the Diocese we applied for and received \$29,200 in PPP funds. Our understanding is any loan under \$50,000 will be forgiven. We are awaiting the paperwork to fill out to formally ask for the loan forgiveness.
- † Once we know that the PPP loan has been forgiven, our net number should be trending positive.
- † Our Christmas offerings help each year. As you are able, please remember CHS during this holiday time by returning the Christmas special envelope that will be sent out in December.

Thank you to all parishioners who added CHS as their charity in the Amazon Smile program. We continue to receive monthly distributions from Amazon as a percentage of items purchased.

Stay healthy and hope to see you in person in the near future. As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me.

*Sally Bird, Treasurer*

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**Breaking News: Lessons and Carols Service this Sunday, December 6th. On line from the Diocese at 7:00 pm. Check CHS News and website for links. Fr. Phil will be participating.**





## *Giving Tree (Tree of Jesse)*

*“A shoot will spring forth from the stump of Jesse, and a branch out of his roots” — Isaiah 11:1.*

Jesse was King David’s father. The image of a branch growing out of the roots of Jesse points to a new king in David’s line. We know that this is fulfilled in Jesus, the King of Kings, who is a descendant of Jesse.

During the Advent season, a symbolic Branch of Jesse would normally decorate our Narthex [see photo page 1]. Because of the pandemic, the Giving Branch is virtual this year. The Branch is a representation that connects God’s faithfulness through the Old Testament to the newness in the form of the birth of Jesus. Just as God gave us the gift of life through Jesus Christ, we will share this hope with others in our community through the giving of Christmas gifts.

In lieu of wrapped gifts this year, \$25 gift cards will be provided for our friends at Freedom House (a half-way house for men) and their Family Afterward program, Good News Home (a drug/alcohol abuse treatment center for women), Anderson House (a half-way house for women), Cristo Rey, and Binnacle House (a group home for boys ages 13-18). In order to provide these gifts, we are asking for monetary donations. With these funds, we will purchase 125 gift cards and distribute them to the recipients.

Monetary donations can be made via check, cash, or PayPal. Please note "Giving Branch" on the check or on the envelope (if donating cash). There is a secure black box outside the Church office for anyone wanting to drop off a contribution, or it can be mailed to the Church. If donating through PayPal, please follow the link on the CHS website and note "Giving Branch" on the item ID or note line.

Please submit all contributions by **Sunday, December 13th**. If you have any questions, please contact Deanne Altom at 908-534-3425 ([deanne.altom@gmail.com](mailto:deanne.altom@gmail.com)) or Michelle Marlow at 908-884-6932 ([michellekmarlow@gmail.com](mailto:michellekmarlow@gmail.com)).

Thank you for helping to make the holiday a bit happier for someone less fortunate!

*Deanne Altom*

## *Christmas Montage: Photos and Carolers Wanted*

For the Christmas Eve services, we are putting together a video of special Christmas decorating traditions from our parishioners.

Do you have a creche you display every year? Is your tree decorated with favorite ornaments gathered from your travels or inherited from your family? We would love to include and share them with our faith community. We would love to accompany the video with carols—ideally recorded by parishioners. If you’d like to perform and/or record a favorite carol, please feel encouraged. Contact Fr. Phil. He recommends you offer something other than the three main ones we will surely do at service: O Come All Ye Faithful, Silent Night & Joy to the World.



### **Deadline for submission is December 15<sup>th</sup>.**

Please send to [CHSAdmin@churchholyspirit.org](mailto:CHSAdmin@churchholyspirit.org) and use **Christmas Video** as the subject line. We look forward to sharing those meaningful traditions.

*Marge Keller*



## Christmas Communion Pyx

A pyx is not only a great Scrabble word, but an object that will be hand delivered to every home in the parish this month.. It's a small container for holding the reserved Sacrament when bringing Communion to people in hospital or in their homes. From Dec 12th through the 20th, look for a gift bag dropped off at door; it will contain the pyx with reserved

Sacrament, a service leaflet for the Christmas services, and the formal Christmas Letter and greeting we normally send each year.

From the earliest centuries of the Church, given the many plagues and persecutions, there have been many ways to deliver Communion to the faithful. On Maundy Thursday, the day we celebrate the institution of the Lord's Supper during Holy Week, it was the custom of area Bishops to provide blessed bread to all parish clergy so that every church celebrated that evening from the same loaf. Monks and hermits living in prayerful isolation would come into a village to receive a month's worth of Sacrament to take with them as they went back into the wilderness. So in this historic fashion we are distributing the consecrated host to everyone ahead of our Christmas services.

Since it is very likely our services on Christmas will be remote, given the surge in our plague, we are planning for you to participate at home where you are. Every pyx will be broken pieces of whole larger concelebration wafers, as a sign that we are all one Body. We will ensure enough of the host is available and you may feel free to break it up even further given your local circumstance. Additionally, enough consecrated Sacrament will be supplied, so that throughout the 12 Days of Christmas, you may choose to regularly receive Holy Communion. Instructions with additional prayers are provided in each gift bag. Going forward, we will invite you for the remainder of the pandemic to drive into the parking lot at the church to collect more at scheduled times- though it will also be provided during the house blessings [see article page 14. We expect you will store your pyx in the special place where you pray or keep holy things in your home.

**Drivers Requested:** We have 15 routes set up for house blessings during the Epiphany season and proposed delivering the Christmas gifts along those same routes. We need 15 drivers, with helpers if available. You will be offered a route – more than one if you have the time. Distribution should take place between December 12th and 20th. It takes up to a few hours for each route. Please send a note to the church if you are willing (social distancing and masks apply, of course).

## A Special Christmas Treat: Sunday 12/20; 7:00 pm

Our own Ricky Waller will be live streaming a dramatic reading of the classic *'Twas the Night Before Christmas*. Some brief carols and other songs will be included. We recommend you join in your pajamas with some hot cocoa (or any other warm beverage to your liking).

## Winter Solstice — Monday, December 21; 8:00 pm

On the day of longest shadow and shortest light, we offer a service of hope amidst struggle. Available on Zoom and Facebook Live. (Check the website or CHS News for the links).



## Christmas Services

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| 12/24  | 4:00 pm  | A Pageant – with carols and communion                                 |
|        | 7:00 pm  | Candlelight Holy Eucharist with special guest violin/piano repertoire |
| 12/25. | 10:00 am | One service Christmas Day   |

## CHSchool

The CHSchool continues to innovate.

On **Saturday, December 12 at 4:00 pm** Bishops from both NJ dioceses and parish members from a broad cross section of New Jersey will join us to hear Dr. Khyati Joshi speak on the topic of her latest book, *White Christian Privilege*. [See below for more information.]

In January, The Very Reverend Lisa A. Hoffman is planning a presentation on “Deconstructing the Nicene Creed”. More specifics to follow.

Other pending CHSchool offerings include

† a presentation by Wendy Hallstrom on Writing Icons

† Fr Phil and Carol Crawford-Jones give a course on “Strategies in Bridge”. I hear they are both masters at the game.

† the possible creation of a Math and Applied Sciences Club for adults

† a class on proven success in weight loss plus being your own best health advocate

Ongoing courses include:

† “Drawing For Beginners” with Whitney Wetherill on Mondays at 10am and Wednesdays at 2pm.

† GJ Waller created “Spiritual Hospitality through Art and Photo” monthly online shows. A lot of work goes into maintaining the website.

A very special thanks to all our recent presenters:

In October, Reverend Charlotte Mallory, former chaplain at Edna Mahan Correctional Facility for Women, provided a challenging discussion about racial inequality in the US prison system building on the YouTube documentary “13th”. We hope to have her return in 2021 for a Q & A session led by John Andrews about the various CHS volunteer opportunities at EMCFW which will be scheduled for a time closer to when the programs resume.

In November, Judy Linger provided four 30-minute meditative relaxation exercises utilizing guided imagery. Starting soon we hope to add a 15 minutes mindfulness exercise weekly between Sunday services.

Also last month, Fr. Ed Murphy gave a fascinating presentation on “Art Through the Ages”. We hope he will return soon for a second presentation building on the first.

For information about how to register for classes please see the CHSchool subpage on our CHS website.

*Judy Linger*

### **White Christian Privilege: Meet the Author on Saturday December 12, 4:00 pm**

Professor Khyati Y. Joshi is a scholar and thought leader on the intersecting issues of race, religion, and immigration in the United States. Her writings, speeches, and course work focus on promoting cultural and religious pluralism in our USA. She is a faculty member in the Department of Education at Fairleigh Dickinson University.

Professor Joshi has also generously offered Church of the Holy Spirit parishioners and attendees the link below to purchase her book at a 30% discount if they choose, though the book is not required reading.

When purchasing the book from NYU - here's the link - people can use the code JOSHI30 <https://nyupress.org/9781479840236/white-christian-privilege/>. It is also available on Audible and Kindle.

Contact [judy.linger@gmail.com](mailto:judy.linger@gmail.com) to request the ZOOM link to attend.



### *Homily by Deacon Dot: Christ the King, November 22, 2020*

In today's Gospel reading from Matthew (25: 31-46), we get to the separation of the sheep and the goats. It's not difficult to understand — we get it, loud and clear. Love your neighbor, love your King.

What makes it difficult is our interpretation. This simple parable becomes all too difficult for us because our human minds frame it in terms of "cause and effect." If you do THIS, then THAT happens. We just want to know, "What must I do to be saved?"

But Jesus isn't quite speaking that way. He's not really answering that question. He describes the Son of Man, the Messiah Himself, coming like a King. This King comes in all His glory. Angels surround Him—ALL the angels, it says. And all people are brought before Him, and the separating begins.

How does the separating happen? He doesn't exactly say how it happens...it just happens. Sheep to His right—at the hand of mercy. Goats to His left—the hand of judgment. When we look at the Son of Man's separating of the sheep and goats, they don't become sheep or goats by His judgment. He's simply identifying them for what they really are. It's all about identity.

And we see this play out as the King speaks to these two groups. To the sheep He says, "Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world." "You who are blessed," He says.

To the goats He says, "Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels." The sheep are blessed, the goats are cursed. To understand why the sheep are blessed, we need to look at why the goats are cursed. Look at the nature of their punishment. "Depart from Me," says the King. It's separation from God Himself. Eternal separation. A separation "into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels."

But the sheep...the sheep are blessed by God. And who does Jesus say are the blessed ones? He says, "Blessed are the poor in spirit," those who mourn;" the meek," those who hunger and thirst for righteousness," the merciful...the pure in heart...the peacemakers," those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake," and "Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you."

The sheep—the blessed ones—are the Church, the baptized people of God. We have been blessed through our Baptisms. We are blessed through the hearing of the Word. We are blessed through the Spirit's continual work in our sanctified life. We are blessed because we are the Church. We are blessed because we have been claimed by God—bought with the blood of Jesus, brought into His family.

We were once goats, but by grace through faith, we have already been made sheep, and placed into His sheepfold. We are sheep because we are no longer separated from God the Father. So, "Come, you who are blessed by the Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world."

It's all about identity. Our identity in Christ. We can't do anything to make ourselves sheep, yet we give evidence to the fact that we are sheep. We are blessed. And now, Jesus calls us to act like it. To go out and serve "the least of these." That's just what sheep do. That's what the blessed do. That's what the Church does. We go out and serve. We love our neighbor, and when we do, we also love our King. For, as Jesus said, "as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me."

The point Jesus makes is the sheep just serve, regardless. In fact, it's precisely because they serve without expecting reward; without realizing who they are serving, that proves they're sheep. We don't love our neighbor in order to love our King. We love our neighbor because we love our King.



We aren't called to serve others because we think they're worthy. We're called to serve others because Christ thought them worthy of dying for. We're called to serve others because Christ thought us worth dying for. The King of kings is everywhere. The least of these are everywhere. Who are the least of these?

It's the couple who so desperately want to have children but are, for unknown reasons, unable to. It's the alcoholic in the family who doesn't know how to stop; or the girl who just one time got pulled over for having a few too many drinks. It's the family who can't afford insurance, but desperately need the healthcare for their little girl. It's the divorced man whose marriage fell apart because his job became his "mistress." Or the guy who virtually walks out on his wife and family every time he goes online, and he just can't help himself. It's the refugee fleeing from a world of war, but bringing with her baggage as she walks into a world of stigma and stereotypes. It's the kid at school who dresses in old hand-me-downs, who always seems to be untidy; the one who seems to be uninterested in the work the teacher gives, preoccupied with things at home. It's the woman looking for her next "fix" after becoming addicted to opiates after surgery. It's the elderly woman whose mind isn't what it used to be, and some days this makes her hard to get along with. These, and more—they are "the least of these" Jesus talks about. And He calls us, the sheep, to action. To reach out in love and mercy.

We are all sheep, yes. But we are all the least of these, too. Because, let's face it, some days we just don't feel like we're "blessed." Some days, it's all we can do to put up the façade as we sit here in the pew, or on Zoom, trying to make it look like we've got it together. Some days, we just don't feel like we're part of the flock, as if we've wandered too far, this time, and there's nothing we can do. But it's in these moments we need to remember that we can't make ourselves sheep. But God in Christ has. Remember, our identity is not in what we do, but in what Christ has done, and who He has made us to be. Our King has died for us; He rose for us, and for all the least of these.

He promises to come back for us — for even the least of His sheep. And He will say, "Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world." Until that day, continue to live like a sheep. Until that day, continue to live that blessed life—because He has called us blessed, even when we don't feel like it.

Until He returns on the last day, BE the church.

Love your neighbor, love your King.

Amen.

*Deacon Dot*



*Blessing of the Animals  
October 4, 2020*

*Roberta Maas Photo*

*[Yes, those are the  
Marlow's goats!]*



## Red Wagon

Dear friends, During this extremely difficult period of Covid, many families have found themselves requiring assistance when they never expected to. Instead of donating to food pantries and other charities, they have to take advantage of these wonderful organizations for their own needs. The Pantry is dedicated to providing healthy foods and personal items to as many folks who require them as possible.

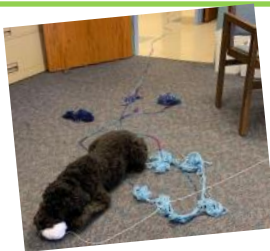
When you shop, please consider some extras for your neighbors if you can. You can bring them to CHS or to the Open Cupboard in Clinton yourself. [If it's more convenient, send a check or ShopRite gift card to the Open Cupboard Food Pantry, 37 Old Highway 22, PO Box 5071, Clinton 08809.] Thank you for your continued generosity.

## Prison Ministry



During the pandemic we have been unable to conduct our ministries at Edna Mahan Correctional Facility for Women. We have started to write 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 (see October-November issue for the first group) but anyone in the parish is welcome to do so. Please contact me at [andrewsjohnt@comcast.net](mailto:andrewsjohnt@comcast.net) if you are interested in writing one of the monthly letters in 2021.

*John Andrews*



## Crafters Wanted

As indicated above, since the onset of the pandemic, the Shawl Ministry at Edna Mahan has been shut down and therefore no shawls are currently being made by the women there. Consequently, our stock of shawls for distribution to persons in need has been almost totally depleted. If you knit or crochet, think about picking up your needles and hooks to help replenish our supply. Yarn is available in the hallway bins adjacent to the church office. If you need patterns, advice or encouragement, ask any member of the Prayer Shawl Prison Ministry: John Andrews, Susan Kane, Vicki Brooks, Diane Bendahmane, Karen Murray, Roberta Maas, Judy Linger, Carol Crawford-Jones, Anne Simpson, Dot Hospador, and Father Philip. Unleash your creativity and help the Shawl Ministry through this tough period. You will be glad you did. If you feel that a shawl is too daunting, try a scarf for the Seamen's Institute. Check out their website, [Christmas at Sea | Seamen's Church Institute](http://Christmas at Sea | Seamen's Church Institute), for information about the many blessings that this program provides and for patterns and instructions. The ministry continues year-round, so there's no time limit on your craft.

*Photo Note: Tippett Carr-Jones tried out for a shawl gig; alas Fr. Phil was unable to recommend Tippett for the ministry.*

### **Annual Meeting Notice: January 24, 2021; 9:00 am**

Please mark your calendar now so that you can be present.

The agenda will include presentation of the budget for 2021, which the vestry will have approved at its regular January meeting.

At the most recent vestry meeting on November 19<sup>th</sup>, a motion was made and passed to keep the members for 2021 as they are in 2020. The thinking was that recruiting new members during this time of quarantine would be very problematic. Therefore, a vote will be needed at the annual meeting to extend the term for members whose current term is ending in January 2021.

That said, anyone who wishes to serve on the vestry should make their availability known to Tracy MacGeorge, Senior Warden, and to Fr. Philip as soon as possible.

Watch for the Zoom link that will be issued closer to the annual meeting date, and don't forget to put January 24th on the calendar. This is your church and as Fr. Philip often points out, you are all ministers of God's church..



*Dave Dabour Photo: Annual Meeting 2020 (pre-Covid)*

Do we have your correct address? Email? Phone? In this time of quarantine, we feel that our communications may be falling short of target since we don't see one another in church or print a comprehensive Sunday bulletin, nor can we make as many announcements "live".

If you believe we may not have the correct information, or you make a change, please send updates to [CHSAdmin@churchholyspirit.org](mailto:CHSAdmin@churchholyspirit.org) so you get all the current notifications. Our goal is to keep the church membership list and the Friends of the Parish (FOP) up to date.

The *Trumpeter*, CHSNews and other mass communications use the same email list. If you have not been receiving these, we likely have the wrong email. Please send us an update so you don't miss the next editions. You might also want to check your Spam folder.

*Marge Keller*

## Pulse of the Parish

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

	December		
Marlow	Natalie	12	8
Warnowicz	Holly	12	8
Smetana	Marilyn	12	9
Olsen	Raymond	12	11
Fofana	Fanta	12	15
Daniels	Tiffany	12	20
Burton	Barbara	12	21
Marcella	Susan	12	21
Waller	GJ	12	25
Waller	Ricky	12	25
Paxton	Janice (Jan)	12	31
Shive	Sarah	12	31
	January		
Murray	Hal	1	4
Bierswirth	Pattie	1	5

Rollins	John	1	8
Schneider	William A.	1	10
Dabour	Dale	1	12
Shaughnesy	McKella	1	12
Stine	Julie	1	12
Cannizzaro	Elizabeth	1	18
Schroeder	Gregory	1	18
Gora	Jaime	1	21
Iler	Carolyn	1	22
Ingram	Larry	1	23
Kane	Robert	1	28
Chester	Patricia	1	29
Ingram	Frances	1	29
Cagno	Wayne	1	30
Jones	Eli	1	31
Shallo	Anthony	1	31

### In Memorium:

Lynn Marie Jones, on October 17 at home in Glen Gardner, NJ, following a long illness. She is survived by her son Eli, parents Barbara and Sandy Burton, her companion JT Campbell, and sisters Lisa Ann Burton and Judith Lee Gaines. Fr. Phil conducted a memorial service at the funeral home. Private burial is planned in Maine.

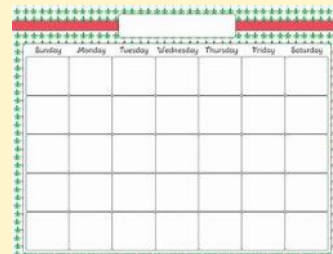
Dr. Daniel J. Tripodi, on Wednesday, November 4th in Pennsylvania. Danny is survived by his wife, our long-time friend and CHS member Sharon, and by his sons "DC" and Tom, daughter-in-law Stacy and grandchildren Daniel and Gianna. Fr. Phil officiated at the service in PA.

Jeanne Lundy Lake, longtime member of CHS, Thursday November 5th at Hunterdon Medical Center. Jeanne is survived by her husband Richard, son Sheehan, daughter Kelley and stepson Richard, and two brothers. Fr. Phil officiated at the service in Whitehouse Station.

*Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord, and light perpetual shine upon them.  
May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.*

## HOLD THE DATES

- Dec 6 The Rev. Dr. Rob Droste joins our worship  
Lessons & Carols streamed from Diocese at 7:00 pm (Fr. Phil participating)
- Dec 12 White Privilege meeting
- Dec 13 Giving Tree Donations due
- Dec 15 Photos and carols due for Christmas video
- Dec 20 *'Twas the Night Before Christmas* with Ricky Waller
- Dec 21 Solstice: Blue Christmas Service
- Dec 24 Christmas Eve Services (4:00 pm and 7.00 pm)
- Dec 25 Christmas Day—one service at 10:00 am
- Jan 6 Epiphany
- Jan 24 Annual Meeting (PLEASE plan to attend this meeting at 9:00 am — your voice and vote are very important)
- Jan-Feb House Blessings Mondays, Thursdays, Saturdays 12:00 -5:00 pm 1/4-2/13. [If you didn't receive a postcard confirming your date, please let the office know.]
- Feb 14 Consecration Sunday: Blessing of 2021 pledge cards
- Feb 17 Ash Wednesday



### Recurring Meetings

- Tues—Thurs \*\*12:00 pm — Noonday Prayer  
\*\*8:00 pm, Compline
- Tuesdays \*\*6:00 am, Bible Study
- Thursdays \*\*7: 00 pm, Theology on Tap
- Third Thursday \*\*7:00 pm, Vestry Meeting (all are welcome: a vestry member can provide the link)
- Sundays 8:00 and 10:00 am —\*\*Virtual or in-person services (Eucharist will be delivered at home if requested).

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 the CHS News and Website, there's no time like the present to thank the extraordinary Jan Paxton and John Rollins for all they do to keep the news updated. They are remarkable!!!

Ed. Note: This is actually a plea — I try to keep the Pulse of the Parish as current as possible. Given social distancing and the lack of a regular church bulletin, it's been especially difficult to insure that life events in the Trumpeter accurately reflect our membership. Please feel free to reach out to me with changes. Vicki. ([gracehappens@centurylink.net](mailto:gracehappens@centurylink.net)).

### Congratulations!



Jared VanVeldhuisen earned his Eagle Scout rank on June 18, 2020. His Court of Honor was held on November 22, 2020, in the grotto at the Lebanon Baptist Camp. Jared's Eagle Service Leadership Project honors past veterans and benefits current and future vets who participate in Veterans Haven North programs in Glen Gardner. It included sponsoring and securing NJ Department of Treasury approvals, clearing a heavily obstructed site access road for future maintenance, rehabilitating the veteran cemetery of significant overgrowth and tree fall, building and installing a Reflection Structure, and surveying, clearing and building an access trail from the Veterans Haven North facility to the cemetery. Overall project statistics: 10 work days, 23 volunteers, 321 hours volunteered.



## ***We Three Kings 2021 Stewardship Campaign and W3K House Blessings***



*"And after they came into the house, they saw the Child with His mother Mary; and they fell down and worshiped Him. Then they opened their treasures and presented to Him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh." - Matthew 2:11*

Holy Spirit's 2021 Stewardship campaign will coincide again with our W3K House Blessings during the Epiphany season.

A booklet containing insights and information about our parish's charitable giving to the Church of the Holy Spirit and an Estimate of Giving card (pledge card) will be included in a green gift bag which we have asked Father Phil to hang on your front door when he blesses your home. (For house blessings scheduled in February, the materials will be delivered to your door during the last two weeks of January to give you sufficient time for review prior to Consecration Sunday.)

**Consecration Sunday** will be celebrated on **February 14th, 2021**. Estimates of Giving (pledge cards) received before or on that date will be blessed during worship services in thanksgiving for your generosity and ongoing support.

If you have any questions regarding the stewardship campaign, please reach out to Treasurer Sally Bird ([sally.bird@churchholyspirit.net](mailto:sally.bird@churchholyspirit.net)) or Pledge Clerk Eva Lesniak ([eva@churchholyspirit.org](mailto:eva@churchholyspirit.org)).

*Eva Lesniak*

*Parishioners' Estimates of Giving (pledges) are held in strict confidence, and are only known by the two Pledge Clerks, Dave Marlow and Eva Lesniak. Estimates can be revised at any time should circumstances change.*

### **AUCTION HILARIOUS**

We are still holding a few items from the auction that have not been claimed by the buyer. If you are one of those folks, or you need information about an item you purchased, please contact [marge.keller@churchholyspirit.org](mailto:marge.keller@churchholyspirit.org).

### ***In Appreciation***

*Dear Friends,*

*I appreciate your help so very much. I cannot begin to say how much I love all the people at Holy Spirit who are supporting me with their prayers, their assistance with meals, coming with me to my appointments, and giving gifts to my children. I can't believe how organized everyone is; in fact, it is unbelievable to me.*

*I continue to ask myself, "Who am I, little me that I should be surrounded by such loving and wonderful people?"*

*To say thank you seems so common, but I thank you from the bottom of my heart for all the help you are giving me and my children. This is very big for us!!! You all are such a blessing in our lives!!*

*May God continue to bless you!!!*

*Love,*

*Fanta*

### Snapshots



9/11/2020 Dave Dabour Photo



Advent 2020



House Blessing Routes 2021



Fr. Ed Murphy shares his love of the arts with us on Sunday, November 8th as part of the CHSchool series. We look forward to having him back! Fr. Phil photo



This linoleum block was created by David Scott and Fr. Phil — David was in High School and they made the 14 Stations. This one is called Jesus Receives the Cross.

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*During the pandemic, when so much of our worship is virtual, check the CHS website and the Thursday and Saturday CHS News for updated information. If you aren't on our email list, you'll miss a lot. Especially if you're new to our parish, make sure we know how to reach you! Don't assume that we do — nobody's perfect and there are no mind readers here! If we have your email and you aren't receiving the weekly CHS News, you might want to check your Spam folder.*