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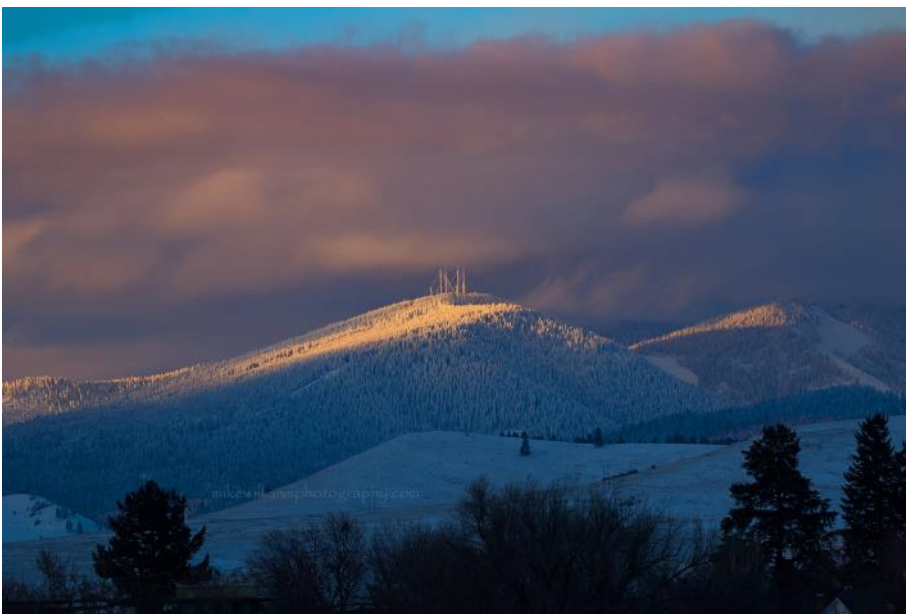
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OUR MISSION: *To become Christ as we serve others, proclaim God's love, and grow in The Spirit.*



The only way through is through.
The better way through is together.
The best way through together is
together in Christ.

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From the Rector's Desk

"Those who want to save their life will lose it,"

"The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve."

And so many more, of course, especially in teaching on prayer. Jesus gives to his disciples another great reversal of social and spiritual values as we consider his prayer for the enemy, "Have mercy on them."

What we find in the pages of the New Testament are people living amid severe social, political, and spiritual turmoil. Oppression, fear, and suffering are everywhere. Sound familiar? And in this moment, both in first century Palestine and today, simply praying for one's deliverance alone appears to be fruitless in dealing with the conflict and social problems that now afflict unrelentingly. We'd be forgiven for thinking the diabolical forces are much stronger now than they seemed to be in the old days. So many have fallen away, thinking the traditional religious practices are just not relevant to the task. Something equally radical to the moment is required of us, something that reaches back through our shared antiquity and roots to the ground of our identity. In order to deal with the enmity of this age, Jesus' prescription is prayer, but this prayer is community forming. Praying in, for, and as community entails taking a risk.

Yet community sounds like just another "nice" word. After decades with you, I have come to the clear idea that of all the things you are as Church of the Holy Spirit, the last thing you are is "nice." Risky, troublesome, insistent, searching, discomfiting. We are all that. And mostly, in all the right ways. The risk of the loving embrace – and done without physicality – is still expressed across our shared lives, however distanced by technology and practical presence. It is our response to the message and experience of Jesus. It's the risk that we might be changed, the risk that we will be called upon to give up our treasured prejudices and commitments in order to minister more effectively in situations of struggle. The risk that we might have to begin to love those with whom we so vigorously disagree. And all without accommodating to the social injustice and persecution practiced or espoused by those very same souls. We must hold out hope for the transformation of self, the other, and the world.

We are far more than just nice.

Philip+



Centering Prayer with Ana Hernandez

Thursdays in February: 4, 11, 18; 25; 8:00 pm

Centering Prayer is a method of meditation used by Christians placing a strong emphasis on interior silence. We will intersperse chants and other gentle music with short sentences of prayer or scripture along with lengthy minutes of silence.

Please plan a quiet place, an area appointed with candle, and or cross, icon or other object that is of a sacred and holy nature. We may move from sitting to lying down so consider allowing enough room, as possible, for slow movements.

I decided I was so stressed out that, even with vaccines coming, I needed a formal time this deep winter to purposefully and prayerfully chill out. Ana is a dear friend who will zoom in from upstate NY. She has done work with us on Sundays in the past and held concerts at the prison for us. Early in the pandemic, she ran Taizé Tuesdays for several weeks with me. Please join us for quiet healing and regeneration. *Philip+*

Musings from the Senior Warden



I can't believe that we're almost through the first month of the new year! In just a few days from now we'll be looking to Punxsutawney Phil to tell us if we can expect an early spring or (gasp!) 6 more weeks of winter. (Let's pray for an early spring!)

It was fantastic to see so many of your smiling faces at the Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 24th with Fr. Phil presiding. Alexei even 'Zoomed' in from Russia! And even though it was virtual this year, there was still great participation and a wonderful presence throughout the meeting. If you didn't get a chance to read the Annual Report yet, please do so here https://www.churchholyspirit.org/uploads/8/9/8/7/89872313/2020_annual_report-nofinance_.pdf. (And a special shout-out to Marge Keller for compiling the report for us!)

I would also like to take this opportunity to reiterate what I shared in my Sr. Warden's report as well as what I mentioned during the meeting. First and foremost are my sincere THANKS. Thanks to Fr. Phil, our Deacons, Vestry, Music Director Alexei Tartakovsky and our amazing musicians, finance committee, webmasters Jan and John and last but certainly not least our parishioners. It was because of the unwavering support and solidarity of everyone in our loving CHS community that we have been able to accomplish such AMAZING things during such a difficult time. WHAT amazing things you ask? Well, here are some highlights:

- Transitioned to a fully online, virtual service, allowing us to continue to worship together *safely*
- Participated in virtual gatherings, Town Halls and 'Coffee Chats', keeping our community connected, even though we couldn't be together physically
- Continued with pastoral care and outreach programs, overcoming challenges to ensure we could still serve others in need
- Held the first ever *virtual* CHS 'Auction Hilarious' which was not only a HUGE financial success but also a tremendous opportunity to connect with each other and more importantly, LAUGH together
- Created the virtual CHSchool, providing a variety of educational offerings from mindfulness to drawing to language, art and history lessons, to name just a few
- Continued to be generous with stewardship and giving, ensuring our finances are in good standing

I am constantly proud and thankful to be part of our devoted community of faith. I look forward to continuing in my role of Sr. Warden this year and am truly excited about what remarkable things we will accomplish *together* in 2021. The best is yet to come! Love and blessings to you all!

Tracy MacGeorge

[February 13, 2021 - Knowing who you are in Christ](#)

[Community of Saint John Baptist Valentine Retreat – Saturday afternoon - 1-3 p.m. >](#)

This retreat will be virtual. To register, contact philip.muniz@gmail.com. Please place the words "CSJB Valentine Retreat" in the email subject line. The link above has further details about the retreat leader, subject, and payment (\$20.00).

Treasurer's report



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

	YTD	Budget YTD
Operating Revenue	\$ 294,203	\$ 300,824
Total Expense	\$ 298,976	\$ 326,665
Net	\$ (4,773)	\$ (25,841)

Thank you to those that 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. The income should be reflected in our 2021 statements.

Our budget for 2021 was approved by the Vestry in January and presented at the annual meeting on January 24, 2021. It was included in the CHS news blast of January 18th and again on January 23rd.

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. Our next deposit should occur mid February.

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



Year-End Giving Statements are being mailed by January 31st. If you find any errors or omissions, please contact Pledge Clerks Dave Marlow and/or Eva Lesniak as soon as possible.

We 3 Kings Epiphany House Blessings are ongoing through February 13th. Father Phil will have blessed more than 160 front doors – chalking lintels and anointing doorknobs, by the time he finishes. Many parish families are masking up and coming outside to greet him and say hello. Parishioner chauffeurs are driving him along 14 different blessing routes throughout Hunterdon County, as well as peeking into Warren and Somerset counties and even just over state lines into Pennsylvania... This is Father Phil's fifth consecutive year blessing every house in our parish, and it's really an amazing feat each year. Every household in the parish should have received a postcard with the date your home is scheduled to be blessed, and a gift bag with information about 2021 (Please let Marge Keller and Eva Lesniak know if you did not receive your postcard and we will share your house blessing date.)

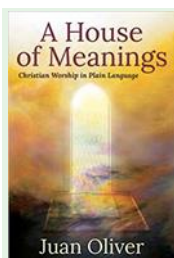
Lay Ministry Changes & Schedule

We are modifying some of the CHS Lay Ministries to enable more parishioners to serve again in our current Hybrid (worship in-person & virtual) environment:

- **1st Reader / Psalm** – can be virtual or in-person. Reads the ***Old Testament*** Reading and ***The Psalm***.
- **2nd Reader / Intercessor** – can be virtual or in-person. Reads ***The Epistle*** and ***The Intercessory Prayer***.
- **Prayers of the People Responder** – can be virtual or in-person. This lay minister will be un-muted, if virtual, or given a microphone, if in-person. They voice the People's ***responses*** (*italicized*) after the Intercessor voices the People's petitions. *If you have been a Lay Eucharistic Minister (LEM), we are hoping you will temporarily serve as a Responder to the Prayers of the People.*
- **Usher/Greeter – Serves in-person**. *We have combined the Ushers and Greeters.* This lay minister is changing the most. She/he will be stationed at a control console located in the sanctuary and will:
 - † Welcome parishioners and visitors joining the Zoom or arriving in person
 - † Control which camera feed is being broadcast
 - † Aim moveable camera(s) upon different subjects (for example, the congregation, musician, preacher)
 - † Monitor sound levels and adjust the volume of speakers on the broadcast
 - † **Altar Guild** - in-person. Prepares the sanctuary for Sunday worship.

Please note that the following lay ministries will continue to remain temporarily paused: Acolytes, Lay Eucharistic Visitors (LEV), and Counters.

Eva Lesniak



Theology on Tap Special Book Discussion.

Beginning Ash Wednesday, **February 17th @ 6:00 pm** and on the subsequent Wednesdays in Lent.

We are pausing our current book on the history of the Church for a special session on *A House of Meanings*. The author, Dr. Juan Oliver, is a longtime friend of the rector and has the official role of Custodian of the Prayer Book.

Dr. Oliver's book acknowledges that professional theological terminology is often inaccessible to the average Christian. *A House of Meanings* presents liturgical theology in accessible ways, free of technical language. Chapters conclude with a discussion guide intended to assist parishioners in developing their own sense of the value of worship and its relationship to our daily lives. Dedicated to deepening parishioners' understandings of the Church and how it has both gathered and sent into service to the world, *A House of Meanings* will be useful not only to congregations, but to seminarians and anyone planning or evaluating worship.

The author, Juan Oliver, will be joining our meeting on **March 24th** for a conversation. Please feel free to get a copy and join us on zoom. Link found in our weekly email and on the website.

Diane Bendahmane

Lent and Easter

A full agenda of activities for Ash Wednesday through Easter Sunday has been planned. We hope you will join all or some or just one of the Zoom/FB sessions. Links will be provided as the dates get closer and we'll be using the same link for all sessions.

SHROVE TUESDAY – Cooking with Fr. Phil - February 16 – 4:00 pm

Join Fr. Phil from your kitchen to make pancakes for supper. This event is geared to younger parishioners but all are welcome to join. Fr. Phil will make pancakes from scratch and the list of ingredients and equipment will be sent via “The Mustard Seed” –a new newsletter for youth.

ASH WEDNESDAY – February 17 – 4:00 pm

Burning of prior year’s palms on the porch—we encourage all young people to attend but this is open to everyone. Mask required.

Starting at 4:30 pm, Fr Phil will have ashes individually spaced apart on a tray for individuals to self-impose ashes followed by receiving a blessing. We believe this to be a way for all us to participate in this ritual while staying safe and maintaining physical distancing. We hope many will be comfortable with this format. Masks required.

TUESDAYS IN LENT – Spirituality of Resilience - February 23 through March 23 – 7:00 pm

The overall theme of these sessions is SPIRITUALITY of RESILIENCE. Sub-topics include how resilience can be experienced through ART, MUSIC, LITERATURE, PRAYER AND MEDITATION, PHYSICAL NATURE OF BODY/MIND. Each topic will be presented by a different speaker followed by discussion and reflection. Specific dates for each sub-topic will be announced once they are set. We hope you can join all the sessions or pick and choose those that are of interest to you.

PALM SUNDAY & FOOD DRIVE FOR CRISTO REY - March 28 – 11:00 am to 1:00 pm

Services include Blessing of the Palms. After the service, those who have chosen to participate via Zoom or Facebook may receive palms at the church porch; no need to get out of your car. Senior Acolytes will be helping with this project and will wear masks and gloves. We hope you will be comfortable with this format. Masks required for all who come to receive their blessed palms.

Beginning Palm Sunday, we will start collecting food (non-perishable) for delivery to the families of Cristo Rey in Trenton in time for Easter Sunday.

Perishable items are also needed (fruits, vegetables,

meats) and should not be taken to the church until Thursday or Friday and left in the refrigerator.

The collection will be taken to Cristo Rey on Saturday, April 3 at 9:00 am. We want to be sure that those who need this help will have food on the table for Easter Sunday. Anyone who can help with this delivery should contact me.

Marge Keller

MAUNDY THURSDAY – April 1 – 6:00 pm

Prepare your meal, move your phone or tablet or laptop to the dining room for a short (20 minute) service prior to eating. A reading of the Passover Story will take place from 6-6:20 pm with some short prayers after which you and your family consume your meal.



GOOD FRIDAY – April 2 – Noon - 3:00 pm - Resilience and the Stations of the Cross

Various parish members will present short reflections on how the stations represent resilience and spirituality in their lives before or during the quarantine. Anyone wishing to participate as a speaker should contact Marge.keller@comcast.net by February 12th.

HOLY SATURDAY – DELIVER FOOD TO CRISTO REY/BONFIRE AND SERVICE – April 3 – 9:00 am/6:30 pm

Bring your food donations to church Palm Sunday or during the week (place perishables in refrigerator) and we will delivery them to Cristo Rey at 9:00 am. Drivers are needed for this event. Contact Marge.keller@comcast.net if you are available.

At 6:30 pm come for a bonfire and service on the “back-forty”. Bring a lawn chair, maybe a blanket, and pray for good weather.

EASTER SUNDAY – APRIL 4

Sunrise service at Round Valley Reservoir at 6:30 am. You may stay in your car, if you are more comfortable doing so.

Easter Services on Zoom and FB at 8:00 and 10:00 am

Easter is coming and we will have flowers!

Please consider making a donation for Easter lilies on the altar in thanksgiving or in memorial. There is a direct link on the CHS website to make an online donation for altar flowers. The suggested amount is \$35, but the button will give you the option of \$35, \$70, \$100 (plus the fee) or any amount you choose. After you choose the amount and the payment method, right under the amount will be an option to add a note. That's where you click and add your thanksgiving or memorial. Please complete your donation no later than Palm Sunday, March 28 so that dedications can be included in the Easter bulletin. Thank you. <https://www.churchholyspirit.org/news/altar-flowers>

***Update your Information***

Do we have your correct—Address, Email, Preferred Phone Number? Do we have your date of birth, confirmation information, children's names? If you have not been receiving our distribution of Auction, Advent, Christmas bags, or your house was not blessed, or if you don't get the weekly CHS News by email, we may not have accurate information for you. Please send corrections and updates to Admin@churchholyspirit.org. If you are certain that we have your email address but you are still out of the loop, check your spam.

Letter to the Women of Edna Mahan — Christmas 2020



God's Christmas Gift to Us 2020

As we wait for that tiny baby, with no crib for a bed,
we are reminded we all have a North Star of our own overhead.

With Mary and Joseph, we await alongside,
the ox and the cattle we want to abide.

The miracle He brings of hope, peace and love,
are ours to receive from the heavens above.

May we dwell in the manger of comfort and grace,
knowing God loves us from this holy place.

We miss you and wait for the day
we can be with you again.
Wishing you God's peace and joy this Christmas time.

With love,

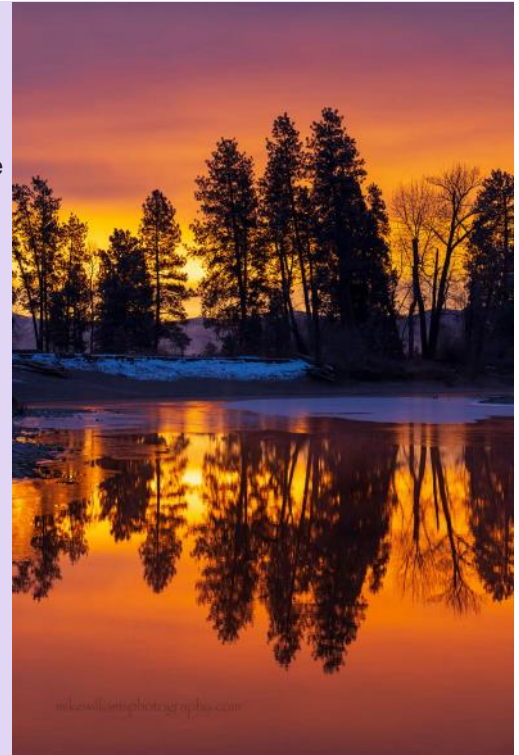
Anne Simpson

and all of the volunteers at Church of the Holy Spirit

Letter to the Women of Edna Mahan January 2021

“ Jesus said, “Therefore I tell you do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life?Therefore do not worry, saying ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’.....Your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you.....” (Matthew 6:25-33)

Let us remember to give thanks for the mercy, forgiveness, grace and love we receive from our heavenly Father. Do not worry. God is with us on our daily journey. Do not worry. God loves us no matter who we are. And we are told to love one another as God loves us. Giving thanks is one way to let God know we are listening, and heeding his words. Let us give thanks for all the gifts we have received.



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Following are words from a hymn from the 1982 hymnal of the Episcopal Church:

*“I heard the voice of Jesus say, “Come unto me and rest;
And in your weariness lay down your head upon my breast.”
I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn and sad;
I found in him a resting place, and he has made me glad.
I heard the voice of Jesus say, “Behold, I freely give
The living water; thirsty one, stoop down and drink, and live.”
I came to Jesus and I drank of that life giving stream;
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in him
I heard the voice of Jesus say, “I am this dark world’s light;
Look unto me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright.”
I looked to Jesus and I found in him my Star, my Sun;
And in that light of life I’ll walk till pilgrim days are done.*

God bless you all!

#beliketheshepherds — Jasmine Marlow's homily Christmas Eve 2020



Hello everyone if you don't know me, my name is Jasmine Marlow. Because of today's online atmosphere, I have titled tonight's sermon, "#beliketheshepherds," and I am going to be talking about what stood out to me in tonight's Gospel reading.

Just like most of you, I have heard this story of Jesus' birth many times. Yet, every time I hear it, something different grabs my attention depending on what is going on in my life.

This time when I read it, I noticed that the shepherds were terrified. I imagine them looking after their flock as they did every night and suddenly a bright light came to shine down upon them. This never happened before, and they were shocked. The first part of the angel's message to them was "do not be afraid."

I can think of so many things that I am afraid of. Some of my fears may not relate to you. I have fears of being kidnapped. I have a fear of the dark. And I have a fear of someone breaking into our home. I know that right now, people are afraid of the pandemic, what will happen next, of the unknown, of being left out, and many other things. But throughout the Bible, I know that God says not to be afraid because He is with us. It's hard sometimes to trust God and to act like the shepherds did that night and not be afraid. I think as people we sometimes stay focused on the fear and not that God is with us. I want to be like the shepherds and trust God to not be afraid.

This is not going to be perfect every time. When I try to be like the shepherds, sometimes I get it wrong. sometimes I stay scared. Yet every time I bring my attention to God's presence I can feel the fear floating away.

I want to be like the shepherds. When they focused on God, they stopped being afraid. When they were no longer afraid, they were able to go see Jesus. Then, they joyfully shared the good news of Jesus' birth with others. Like the shepherds, we can best share the love of the Lord when we are trusting God and are not fearful.

An important piece that the shepherds heard the angel tell them was that this good news of great joy will be for ALL the people. Jesus is not just for the royal and upper class. Jesus is for ALL the people. It does not matter if someone is young or old, rich or poor, a boy or a girl, Jesus is for ALL. When the shepherds were spreading the good news of Jesus' birth. I can imagine that they did not purposely seek out the people of power. I imagine the shepherds were telling EVERYONE they came across. The shepherds seem so excited and amazed to let others know about the Savior that they were not selective and shared with ALL. We should be like the shepherds and let EVERYONE we come across know about the love of Jesus.

As we go through this Christmas during a pandemic when we might be apart from those we love, we can still look for chances to be like the shepherds. Simple acts of kindness, such as texting or calling a friend to say, "I miss you or have a good day," forgiving someone who has made you upset, and smiling at others even with your mask on are all ways that we can be like the shepherds. May we turn to God so that we are not afraid and may we share the love of Jesus to ALL the people. #beliketheshepherds

Jasmine Marlow



Red Wagon

Dear friends. As you are no doubt aware, with unemployment so high because of Covid, food pantries everywhere are stretched thin trying to meet the high demands of needy families. Hunterdon County is no different, and both the Flemington and Clinton Food Pantries very badly need your help. January's list includes cooking oil, sugar, and canned fruit, but any nutritious, non-perishable food item is welcome. Additionally, toiletries and paper goods are also most appreciated, as are gift cards. Please try to donate whatever you can; Katie and I are happy to bring the items to the Pantry. Thank you so very much for your continued generosity!

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

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 if you are interested in writing one of the monthly letters in 2021. Most recent letters can be found on pages 8-9.



John Andrews

Note: One prison ministry that is ongoing through the pandemic is Puppies Behind Bars. See page 12 for information about how Susan and Bob Kane have begun this very rewarding volunteer effort.

New Shawl Ministry Coordinator Named



Paula Heckathorn photo

I have been blessed with the honor and privilege of working with CHS's many wonderful Shawl Ministry participants since the program's inception. I am now frequently out of state and will eventually be moving, so Deacon Dot has graciously volunteered to take on this ministry. It involves promoting participation in this blessing, scheduling and publicizing Knit and Chat gatherings, and some general oversight of the record keeping regarding completed shawls and their distribution.

If anyone needs yarn, needles, or crochet hooks, there is plenty of all of those things available outside the office. Obviously we are not meeting during the pandemic, but we can still create gifts of beauty and warmth!

Karen Murray

Puppies Behind Bars

Well before the pandemic started Bob and I were having breakfast at Sky Manor Cafe and noticed a couple at the next table with their dog lying quietly beneath. As a Brit, I am used to seeing well behaved dogs in restaurants but rarely do we see them at restaurants here. So naturally, we were intrigued.

We spoke with the couple as they were leaving and discovered the dog did not belong to them but rather to the “Puppies Behind Bars” program.

The puppies live in various prisons, but this particular one was from our local Edna Mahan Correctional Facility. We decided this was a worthy cause we could be involved in so made enquiries.

After extensive vetting and training, we are now official “Sitters”. There is a long list of Do’s/Don’ts which have to be followed and there are set commands to be given.

The aim is to give these dogs socialization out in the real world. There are many sights and sounds these animals never experience inside the prison walls. Traffic is an example; going to the supermarket; or a library. We actually stopped in at church recently and met Father Phil, Marge and Eva! Exposure to everyday events enhances their training.

The dogs are not pets but rather working dogs — which I think of as soldiers. They are highly trained and obedient and a joy to be with.

You can take a puppy for a couple of hours, a day or a weekend. Our original plan was to go to our lake house with the puppy for the weekends. However, it is a big responsibility as they are very valuable animals so we are easing ourselves in slowly! Presently we pick up a puppy at the prison at 9:00 am and return at 5:00 pm. Once the dog is returned a report must be written of the day’s events and how the puppy behaved. In the report four questions are to be answered:

1. Did the pup bark/whine? 2. Did the pup pull on the leash?
3. Did the pup jump on people/objects? 4. Did the pup try to chew/swallow inappropriate objects?

I would be happy to answer questions anyone has if they have interest in the program. You can also go online: <https://www.puppiesbehindbars.com/volunteers/> for further information.



Goody visits CHS with Susan and Bob. Eva Lesniak photo

Susan Kane

Pulse of the Parish

February			
Altom	Deanne	2	18
Anderson	Erik	2	26
Curtin	Ellie	2	7
Daniels	John (Jack)	2	9
Emmitt	Richard	2	4
Fofana	Blessing	2	21
Garrabrant	Floriene	2	2
Higgins	Mary	2	23
Marlow	David	2	9
Rivera	Jesus	2	25
Rocchietti	Erin	2	24
Schroeder	Ronald	2	29
vanVeldhuisen	Elizabeth	2	15

March			
Allen	Marjorie	3	5
Canty	Deborah	3	8
Egan	Patricia	3	19
Filipski	June	3	28
Lesniak	Eva	3	22
Linger	Judy	3	1
Olsen	Melissa	3	6
Olson	Arden	3	1
Rocchietti	Ethan	3	24
Scott	Mary	3	29
vanVeldhuisen	Rex	3	20
Wyglendowski	Lindsay	3	24

We welcome into the household of God:

Owen George Bird, grandson of Sally and Gary, born on November 19th (the 95th birthday of his great grandmother. Joins big brother Eli.

Ryland Tanhauser, Dec 23, 2020. Grandparents Dave and Dale Dabour are thrilled.

In Memoriam: Barbara Moses, dear friend of many at CHS, on January 2nd in Doylestown PA.

David Cahall's niece, Heather, who died on January 17 as the result of an auto accident.

Mary Emily Schneider, Mother-in-law of Cynthia, on January 24th in Somerville, NJ

Safe travels and we will miss you:

Sue and George Landgraf, dear friends and 30-year parishioners of CHS, are completing a move to Delaware in February.

From Pattie Bierworth: Our parish family would like to express gratitude for the pleasure of your friendship and many contributions to our lives here. You have both dedicated countless hours over the years to the behind-the-scenes work so central to our worship. The two of you exude great joy and warmth and will be very much missed. This past year has been a time of separation for all, but when we can convene again there will be a void without you. Enjoy your new home; may it bring you much comfort, love, and blessing for many years to come.

HOLD THE DATES

- Feb House Blessings Mondays, Thursdays, Saturdays 12:00 -5:00 pm until **2/13**. [If you didn't receive a postcard confirming your date, please let the office know.]
- Feb 2 Virtual Table Reading of the "Groundhog Day" Screenplay @ 7:00 pm (see weekly CHS news for details).
- Feb 13 Virtual Retreat at CSJB
- Feb 14 Consecration Sunday: Blessing of 2021 pledge cards
- Feb 16 Shrove Tuesday — cook pancakes with Father Phil 5:00 pm
- Feb 17 Ash Wednesday: Burning of palms and self-imposition of ashes (drive-by) at the church.
- Mar 24 Juan Oliver joins Theology on Tap for a discussion of his new book, *A House of Meaning*. 6:00 pm
- Mar 28 Palm Sunday and beginning of Cristo Rey food drive (palms will be distributed to you in your cars)
- April 1 Maundy Thursday
- April 2 Good Friday (Resilience and Stations of the Cross 1-3 pm)
- April 3 Holy Saturday: 9:00 am food delivery to Cristo Rey; Bonfire at 6:30 pm and outdoor service, weather permitting
- April 4 Easter Sunday (sunrise service at Round Valley; at 6:30 am; services at CHS at 8:00 and 10:00 am)

Recurring Meetings

- Tues—Thurs **12:00 pm — Noonday Prayer
 **8:00 pm, Compline
- Tuesdays **6:00 am, Bible Study
- Wednesdays **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)
- 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 of 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. You might also want to send a note to admin@churcholyspirit.net when life events (births, marriages, deaths, moves) occur in your family. Vicki. (gracehappens@centurylink.net).



Vestry Welcomes Julie Stine

At its regular meeting on January 21st, we thanked Alice Hrebella for all of her diligent work as a member and welcomed Julie Stine to replace her. Julie has been working with our young people for some considerable time and we know that in this new role she will continue to add her many talents to our worship going forward!

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 has coincided again with our W3K House Blessings during the Epiphany season.

A booklet containing insights and information about our parish's charitable giving to CHS and an Estimate of Giving card (pledge card) was included in a green gift bag which we asked Father Phil to hang on your front door when he blesses your home.



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

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

CHSchool Report

In December, Professor Khyati Y. Joshi gave a well received discussion on her latest book, White Christian Privilege and our professional Santa Claus gave a well enjoyed rendition of 'Twas the Night Before Christmas. Thank you Dr Joshi and Ricky Waller.

Coming soon to a Zoom meeting near you:

1. Groundhog Day- **February 2 at 7:00 pm**, Eva Lesniak will lead us in a "Virtual Table Reading of the Groundhog Day screenplay. (Don't be surprised if you aren't assigned a cast roll to read if willing!). Preregistration is requested by January 31st with Eva. Her contact information is listed on page 16.
2. Dr. Jacqueline Manfre, a chiropractor for humans and animals in Lambertville, is planning a presentation about Integrative Health on **Sunday, February 7 at 4:00 pm**. Check the CHSchool page on our website for further details
3. Father Phil will lead a 4 week course on "How to Read Aloud: A short course on the oral interpretation of literature" Mondays **February 8, 15, 22, and March 1 at 7:30 pm**. To register for the link or if you have a favorite scripture passage, short story, poem, or other prose you would like to offer for study, contact Fr. Phil at .
4. Karen Sammer will join us again on Tuesday February 16th for a session on maintaining and improving heart health.
5. Whitney Wetherill continues her Art for All Zoom meetings on Mondays at 10:00 am and Wednesdays at 12:00 noon. All are welcome.
6. An hour of 1:1 "Basic Computer Skills" with Carol Crawford-Jones — set up individually with her by email: carolcj@prolog.net
7. Spiritual Hospitality Art and Photo Shows: Admin GJ glorijeau (GJ Waller).

Lastly, if anyone has a suggested class to offer, a request, or a repeat class announcement, please contact judy.linger@gmail.com. Sign up for classes with Judy and she will make sure you have the appropriate contact information. Watch the CHS website and the weekly CHS news for additions. As always, a huge thanks to all our participants. You make the CHSchool a success!

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