



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.

ALL MEANS ALL AND WELCOME MEANS WELCOME

So when we say all are welcome, that includes those who only eat vegetables,
and those who think steak is the only food group.

It means folks who love Donald Trump and those who can't stand him.

It means folks who wear hardware on their faces and are covered with tattoos,
and those who wear crisp, pleated pants.

It means straight, gay, unsure, whatever, single, not single, all the above, none of the above.

It means those in recovery and those still addicted.

It means those who just got out of prison,
and those working to be in one.

All means all; welcome means welcome.

If you've got to be right and others need to be wrong,
you are invited to repent and learn about Jesus.

Real Jesus community is hard work, but it's good and holy work.

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From the Rector's Desk:



Dear Friends,

There is just no way out of this but forward. When you're going through a bad patch, the only way is to keep going. And when it is a horribly bad situation, it is even more true. Keep going. But it's helpful to name what's happening, to keep our eyes and heart and mind fixed upon who we are and whom we are called to become. So what are you becoming?

If you ever wanted to know who I am and what I want to become, the answer is simple and can be found on pages 304 and 305 in the 1979 Book of Common Prayer. And to some that might sound rather limiting but consider to what I am referring : **The Baptismal Covenant!!!**

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

People I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People I will, with God's help.

And there is a welcome addition to this Covenant since the 1979 edition (from General Convention 2015)

Celebrant Will you cherish the wondrous works of God, and protect the beauty and integrity of all creation?

People I will, with God's help.

All you need to know about Philip Carr-Jones is right there. What I believe and how I behave is right here. Here is clarity of purpose and self-understanding, as well as clarity for all who encounter me and, in theory, the organization to which my life is aligned.

It is also clear that this is not what I am just yet. I do not do the good I want, says St. Paul, and the very wrong I do not wish, I wind up doing! So say we all! Yet we have more than an outline or sketch or bullet points to live after the pattern of Christ — we have a defining covenant.

And in this life there is not a static arrival or achievement but trajectory toward what the ancients called apokatastasis - being restored to the original beauty of God's design. We are all on a path and it might be valuable for all of us to consider that trajectory and what guides us, defines us, organizes us, corrects us, and is the means by which we experience restoration, apokatastasis.

+Philip

Money Matters

This pandemic has affected finances throughout the world. There are three impacted sources of CHS church revenue that we want to reiterate:

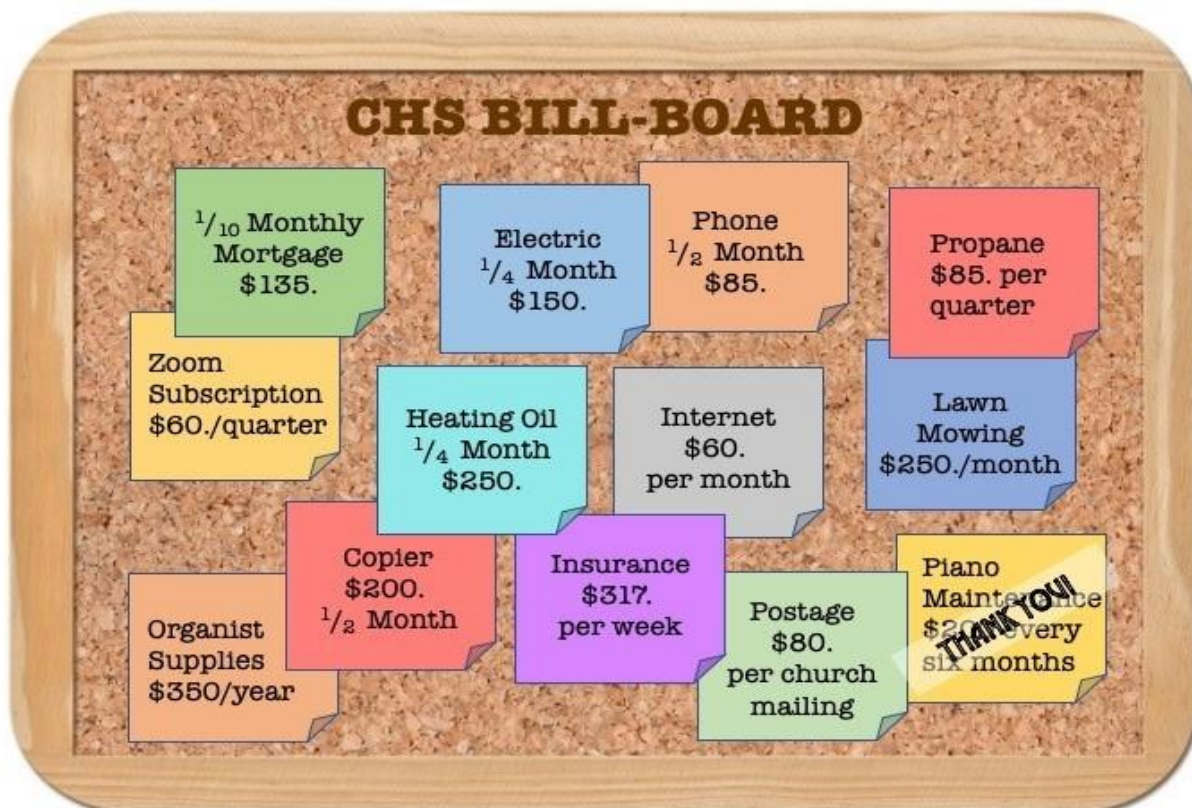
- The loss of the Loose Plate offering will likely create a \$2,000 shortfall.
- Not being able to hold our Cinco de Mayo Auction in May has created a \$22,000 budget gap.
- Building use rental income is already down by \$3,500, and we anticipate this gap will grow further.

To help with this shortfall, we have resurrected the CHS Bill-Board in virtual form. We are very grateful to those who have already contributed to the Bill-Board and who have been so generous in other ways. Thank you!

If you feel called to help cover any of these church bills, please note "Bill-Board" on the Instructions line for your PayPal transaction or the Memo line of your check or giving envelope..

And a reminder: giving statements for second quarter were just mailed to everyone. Some folks have moved and not given us current addresses. If you are among them, please notify me and Marge Keller (marge.keller@comcast.net) so that we can make the appropriate corrections. If there are discrepancies with your statement, let me know.

Eva Lesniak (elesniak@mac.com)



CHSchool (All Ages Welcome)

To take advantage of this period apart, some in our parish expressed an interest in using this time to remotely gain a new skill, strengthen an existing talent, investigate a new hobby, or delve deeper into a new area of interest, but may lack the motivation to do so or not know where to start.

Recognizing that many among us have gifts and graces to share with others, Judy Linger agreed to help match folks with remote “classes” (applied loosely) to offer to members interested in growth.

Some examples: Marge Keller will to help with learning conversational Spanish. Fr. Phil indicated he’s willing to broaden our understanding of The Book of Common Prayer. Perhaps one of our gifted photographers could help us improve our photo compositions. Any history buffs might be interested in sharing fun facts, especially regarding local sights. Intrepid hikes might want to share trails they love. All done remotely, of course.

To kick start this effort, please leave your thoughts about what you can share and when you are available with judy.linger@gmail.com. It need be no more than one or two sessions but might continue as long as interest remains and folks are willing to teach or learn.

It’s true that much can be learned through YouTube or the internet these days, but that offers no opportunity for back and forth dialogue, and our separation makes human interaction so much more precious and meaningful. As Fr. Phil has indicated, interacting remotely can yield unanticipated rewards.

To get your creative juices flowing, here are some suggestions for “classes” you might like to teach or join.

Do you knit? Crochet? Do origami? Paint or sculpt? Scrapbook? Quilt? Bake? Do you want to learn how to tie beautiful bows for packages? Draw or paint? Arrange scarves to good effect? Play the recorder? The harmonica? We can take advantage of our access to shared on-line programs like Zoom to connect safely with others in meaningful ways. God gives us the talent. Why waste it?

Keep smiling! Judy

Worthy Causes in the Area

When you’re thinking about how you can be helpful to those in need, please consider donations to:

- † Local Food Pantries (Open Cupboard in Clinton and the Flemington Pantry). The Open Cupboard’s retail store is now open and thriving. Perhaps you have items to donate. Please do so only during the hours they are open. Do not leave items outside the shop when they are closed. Log on to the websites for suggestions.
- † Our CHS members who could use a kind word, a call, or perhaps a meal..
- † Veteran’s Haven North, a halfway house for homeless veterans in Glen Gardner; check their website for a current wish list or ask Judy Linger or Nanette Chardoussin for current needs. (Alternately, financial donations are always appropriate.)
- † Various other organizations such as The Outreach Connection in Califon.

And if you are able, please support our local restaurants, which aren’t able to reopen for inside dining at present. Many have outside tables; generally all have curbside delivery. What are *your* favorites?



HOLD THE DATE!!!

The Auction Hilarious

September 6, 2020 7:00 pm

Featuring items both crazy fun and of real value.

Hilarious — From the Greek *hilaros* "cheerful, merry, joyous," related to *hilaos*, "graceful, kindly," and *hilaskomai*, meaning to "propitiate, reconcile, to comfort."

It'll be a hilarious auction this year and boy do we need it !!! It will be ZOOMed starting at 7:00 pm, beginning with a stand up comedian, who will then be our auctioneer/emcee for the night.

It promises to be some of the most fun you'll have all year.

- ◇ Many of the offerings will be valued services and items as in the past, such as the famed Cajun Boil or the fabulous Monthly Desserts made to order.
- ◇ Other items will be quite unusual and a whole lot of fun to bid on. We say no more cause we don't want to spoil the surprise. It's going to be a blast! Invite lots of friends to join in the game — we won't run out of room this year!. And you don't need to drive home in the dark!
- ◇ We have a Fund the Need specific to our community: A Pro Kitchen!!!! Our facilities are used by Meals-on-Wheels five days a week and then regularly by a dozen other community groups. The current facility is on its last legs. It's definitely time for a redo.

More details coming. Stay tuned. Watch the CHS Friday emails (although there will be surprises we won't reveal until the auction). So save the date and get ready for some hilarity! To make a donation, call or email Marge Keller, Eva Lesniak, or June Filipski.



Prayer Chain: Reminder of New Protocols

You now have several ways to forward requests to our prayer warriors and/or ordained ministers: choose from among three separate options:

On line: <https://www.churchholyspirit.org/prayer-requests.html>

- † For confidential requests, the petitioner is directed to the clergy. Contact information for Phil and the deacons is available on the link.
- † For all others, complete the form and it will automatically be distributed to those who have confirmed their ongoing commitment to offer intercessory prayer.
- † Email your request to Barbara Burton for distribution to the prayer chain. She can be reached at barbandsandy@embarqmail.com.

Trivia Night Apology

OOPS! And THANK YOU to those 12 teams, individuals and couples who participated in CHS Trivia Night last Sunday!

This parishioner misconfigured the setup so that the correct answer wasn't shuffled amongst the multiple choices . . . I appreciate those who texted me that every correct answer seemed to be A !!! I tried to manually shuffle things 2 or 3 questions ahead of the group to mix things up the way they should have been in the first place .

Apologies from this lifelong learner! Maybe we'll have a rematch before the year is over.



Eva Lesniak

Watch Out for Scams — Be a Sceptic

You may get scam requests to send email gift cards from someone impersonating Father Phil . They will use a false but cleverly familiar email address. No one seems to be able to stop them. More scams will come.

And no, he did not get “hacked.” Hacked is when someone breaks into secure information. Anyone can find your contact info on the web or social media. This has nothing to do with CHS security. Bad folks can be clever too, so don't fall for it. If by some chance you did, your bank will return your money. Claim fraud, which is what it is. While we may issue an appeal from time to time, it'll come from the finance folks.

So next time you get a fishy email, contact Google or whoever is your email provider and tell them. They have a form (this happens all the time). Father Phil can't do anything about it and there's no need to tell him. Whenever you get an email that seems odd, (especially with an attachment), if it's from a friend, call or email separately to confirm before opening — i.e., don't reply directly to the suspect message.

In-Person Worship Plans

While normal Sunday worship is under review by the Diocese, those several parishioners desiring to attend at 3 Haytown Road are welcome, so long as they wear face coverings and are seated at the direction of the clergy and/or attendants. Those attending **must bring their own *Book of Common Prayer***. We will continue to livestream all services.



Services of Morning Prayer will continue at 8:00 and 10:00 am through the summer and we hope to begin Holy Communion in September if circumstances warrant. We plan to continue livestreaming as a matter of course. Thanks to Joseph Gora, who spent a good deal of time and effort rearranging the sanctuary to comply with current distancing requirements. Great job, Joe!



The Garden State

We are fortunate in the abundance that is readily available to us all during the growing season. Nature has been kind and crops are flourishing. If you aren't aware of your nearest local farm markets, check out the this new website: <https://www.hunterdon579trail.com>. Note that the Clinton Sunday market has recently opened from 9-1 at the North Branch Library parking lot.

Other nearby markets not on this list are Cervenka's <http://cervenkafarm.com/about-our-farm.html> and Phillips Farms on Church Road in Holland Township <https://phillipsfarms.com/>.



Crafts in the Time of Covid-19

While the Knit and Chat bunch has not been able to meet twice monthly since quarantine began and the volunteers at Edna Mahan are proscribed from visiting, the knitting and crocheting hasn't stopped here. The women at the prison can't continue with their projects (everything is locked up between our visits); but a number of CHS crafters are still creating shawls and blankets. They are piling up in Deacon Dot's office. The baby blanket shown was given to Roberta Maas-Wester's family — unfortunately we don't have the creator's name. If you would like a prayer shawl or blanket for a loved one, you have only to ask me, Deacon Dot, Susan Kane, or any of the other folks involved. In addition, there are a bunch of talented seamstresses creating face masks for many worthy causes. Holy Spirit's outreach continues! — Ed.

Pulse of the Parish

Starting with this issue, we will try to list monthly birthdays, since it will likely be a while before we can sing blessings to the recipients in person! God grant them many years.

July

Chuck Bierswirth	Andrew Hrebella
Sally Bird	Oscar Jones
Gabrielle Bolarakis	Joseph Rocchietti
Dorothy Deitz	Luke Schnaudt
Judith Emmitt	Gina Shaughnessy
Edward Filipski	Anne Simpson
Caroline Fofana	Charles Van Deursen
Jeff Gora	Alyssa vanVeldhuisen
Susan Hager	

August

Jeffrey Anderson	Wendy Hallstrom
John T Andrews Jr	John Higgins
JanMarie Carr-Jones	Amy Schroeder
Nancy Crannell	Mike Shaughnessy
Katie Gnash	

Rest Eternal grant to them and light perpetual shine upon them:

- † Helen Savini, Meg McKenna's maternal aunt, on July 8th after a fall and resultant stroke.
- † All who have succumbed to Covid-19

HOLD THE DATES — ONGOING EVENTS

Mon—Fri	12:00 pm — Noonday Prayer 8:00 pm, Compline
Tuesdays	6:00 am, Bible Study
Wednesdays	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 Morning Prayer and soft open

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All meetings are held by Facebook Live and /or Zoom. Links are posted on the CHS Website and Friday CHS News. (If you aren't receiving the latter by email, it's easy to sign up: www.churchholyspirit.org. And check your snail mail address — have you moved recently? Please make sure Eva Lesniak and Marge Keller have the current information for our updated contact lists.) While you're on the CHS website, see what else is going on — Jan Paxton and John Rollins share a wealth of information about local events as well as church news. And they post early and often — unlike the Trumpeter, which generally is a recap of past events.



Photo by Liane Radcliffe. Found on FB page "Ireland from the Roadside". Not to be reproduced without permission.

Blessing

On the day when the weight deadens on your shoulders and you stumble,
 may the clay dance to balance you.
 And when your eyes freeze behind the grey window
 and the ghost of loss gets in to you,
 may a flock of colours,
 indigo, red, green, and azure blue
 come to awaken in you a meadow of delight.
 When the canvas frays in the currach* of thought
 and a stain of ocean blackens beneath you,
 may there come across the waters
 a path of yellow moonlight
 to bring you safely home.
 May the nourishment of the earth be yours,
 may the clarity of light be yours,
 may the fluency of the ocean be yours,
 may the protection of the ancestors be yours.
 And so may a slow wind
 work these words of love around you,
 an invisible cloak to mind your life.
 ◇ John O'Donohue

*John O'Donohue was an Irish poet, author, priest, and Hegelian philosopher. He was a native Irish speaker, and as an author is best known for popularizing Celtic spirituality. Fr. Phil included this poem in his Rector's Report for last year's annual meeting. I found it particularly appropriate for these times six months later.—Ed. * A currach is an Irish boat that may be propelled by either oars or sails.*

Cristo Rey Food Drive July 3—4



June Filipski photos (above)



Andra Taylor photos (l & r)



Rumor has it that 9 carloads of food were delivered to Cristo Rey in Trenton on the morning of July 4th. Thank you to all the givers, shoppers, packers and haulers. You are awesome!! St. Thomas Alexandria will be joining us next time.—Ed.



CHS @ Cristo Rey Covid Food Drive + July 3, 2020

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Check the CHS calendar on the website, Sunday bulletin and the Friday email news for updated information. And a reminder to make sure that you register on the website so that you don't miss the most timely news from CHS. Especially if you're new to our parish, make sure we know how to reach you! And don't assume that we do — nobody's perfect and there are no mind readers here!



The above risks assume that all other safety protocols are being followed.