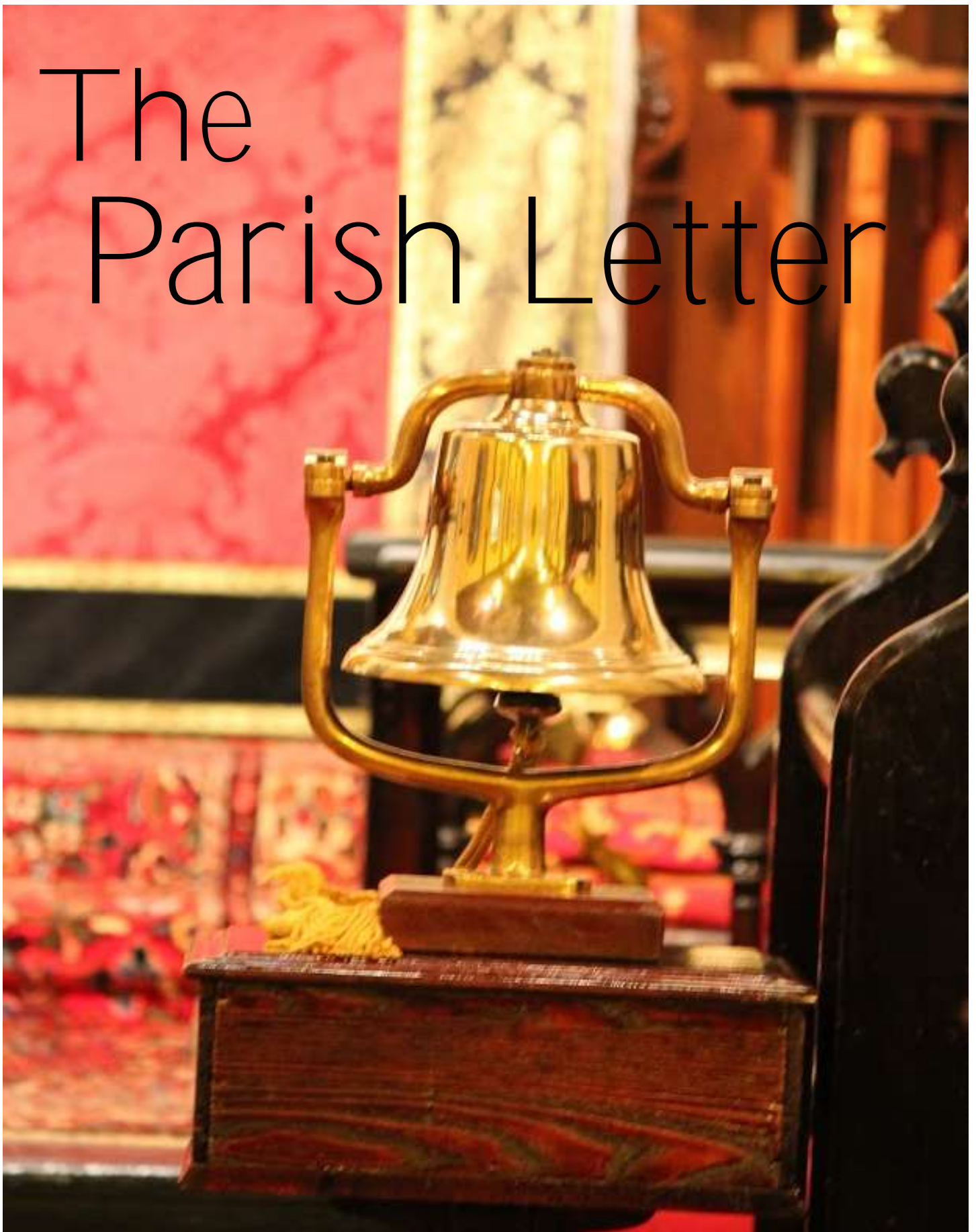


The Parish Letter



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Pentecost

From the Rector



Then the class comes together. Some wear softball uniforms, others rush in directly from work. Each has a story to tell and each has a valued contribution to the class and to the exodus that we all find ourselves on. None of them ask childish questions. Their eyes become wide open. Their inquiry is deep and their thirst for knowledge reminds me how it is outside of Holy Mother Church we truly do exist within *a barren and dry land where there is no water* (Psalm 63:1).

We begin with Church Symbolism, which is intended to remove scales from their

One of the great privileges extended to me as a priest is that of being a teacher. Within the Prayer Book Ordinal, priests are expected to be many things on behalf of the Church; one such expectation specifically articulated is that of teacher.

My brother, the Church is the family of God, the body of Christ, and temple of the Holy Spirit. All baptized people are called to make Christ known as Savior and Lord, and to share in the renewing of his world. Now you are called to work as pastor, priest, and teacher, together with your bishop and fellow presbyters, and to take your share in the councils of the Church. (The Book of Common Prayer, pg. 531)

Each year, when confirmands arrive for the required instruction, and they are joined by adult inquirers of all backgrounds and experiences, I concern myself with how it is I will prepare for and then spend this intentional time teaching the next generation of leaders in the ways and means of the Church. Specifically, budgeting the appropriate amount of time to give a short, seven session course on catholic faith and practice.



eyes. "We are a come and see tradition" I tell them. "All senses are employed when it comes to discerning our promised inheritance in Jesus Christ and the very real presence of Emmanuel or God with us."

It does not take long for fifteen-year-olds, sixty-year-olds, and everything in between to discover their inquiring and discerning hearts (BCP, pg. 308). Over and over again they are told, "if you want to know what it is Anglicans teach and believe, you must worship with them." And so, even though they will be given supplemental material, the source for all instruction is The Book of Common Prayer.

The one statement of ceremony (the liturgical action) that adheres so completely with the rite (words we say) and is intended to instruct us in our faith, is the procession. We are a people truly on exodus together, being led by a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night. Having been delivered by God from our bondage in Egypt, we are those who *collectively* cross desert wilderness in order to reach promise while being fed manna from heaven and being provided water from rocks. But just enough for today.

"And that is why," I tell the class, "we never have a recessional listed in our service sheets. It may appear to the secular world that we are going out the same door in which we entered, but we are moving forward, never backwards. Advancing armies that know they have already won the war never give up ground. The Church *never retreats*. The Church exists in the victory of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and so we are always moving forward in interest of advancing the kingdom He came to build, on earth as it is in heaven. So, you will never find listed in a service sheet from Christ Church Woodbury the invitation to stand and sing a recessional hymn. Ours is always a Processional Hymn regardless of

where it is found in the sacred liturgy.” That’s when the fifteen-year-old girl in the softball uniform and disheveled pony-tail spits out her gum and leans into the table.

Beloved of Christ, precisely because it is that way within our sacred liturgy, it is most certainly that way in our lives and ministries together. We are not gathered in interest of the altar conforming to our world but for our world to confirm to the attitude, priorities and principles of the altar. And although already victorious in Christ, it is a most difficult location to claim and defend while traversing a world wrought in terror, fear, and apostasy.

This is why I am so proud of this parish for all that it was, and all that it assumed, and all that it became and all that it accomplished over these past three months. Lent, Holy Week and Easter Day were to the glory of God - as they should be. So too were the perplexing priorities that found their way to us during the same period of time.

As many of you know, we had a major parish staff change literally on the eve of my undergoing surgery and our entering into the final week of Lent. Although there is never a good time, it was time for this transition



stay

with only one week (Holy Week) between tenures, we were able to move forward rather than have to retreat.

We welcome to our parish staff Mrs. Diana “Dee” Ballistreri as parish administrator. Dee comes to us via a professional career spanning more than 35 years of corporate work including experience in senior management. She possesses skills in project management and in providing organizational and office support to nonprofit organizations. For the last five years, Dee has held a parish administrator position in the United Methodist Church.

In addition, our facilities manager underwent hospitalization; our annual observance of St. Florian in cooperation with the Gloucester County Fires Chiefs Association went off without a hitch (except for the deluge of rain); our ushers ministry was recognized for the offering that they make each and every gathering on our behalf; the Episcopal Church Women (ECW) met as a district within our parish hall; our Bishop held his annual Spring Forum within our parish hall; Holy Communion was administered; babies were baptized; the sick and the hospitalized were visited; and those who died unto the Lord were buried reverently and properly from the Church (BCP pg. 468).

This leads to my thanking you for calling *and supporting* Christ Church as your parish home. Thank you for your patience, thank you for your stewardship, thank you for your presence, thank you for your faithfulness, and thank you for sending us your children when it is time to light candles, pour the water, break bread, and catechize in the faith.

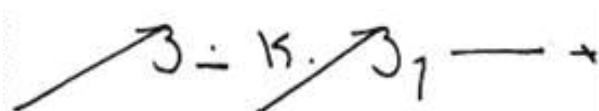


to occur. We are proud of the step that such a dedicated, talented and qualified employee of nine years took on behalf of herself and her family. However, that does not make the time of transition any less demanding or challenging.

Very quickly, we entered into the phases of advertising and then interviewing qualified candidates for the open position; first by phone and then in person. Outside of posting electronically, we did not throw the net very wide but kept notification to those who have a deep seated appreciation for who we are and what it is we hold as priorities. The level of professional talent that came to the top of our candidates list was quite humbling as well as reassuring. We moved quickly, and

As the battle rages on, we will press our faces toward the priorities of the new Jerusalem and maintain the ever advancing procession behind unfurled banners that announce the victory of our God. Never retreating, never looking back over our shoulders, and never considering what it is we may have left behind in Egypt; we traverse desert wilderness all the while tasting *and seeing* how gracious the Lord is.

In the peace of God, which passeth all understanding;





With one month's experience under my belt as Christ Church's new Parish Administrator, I can unreservedly say how proud I am to be associated with Christ Church and such a terrific group of people!

Each new parishioner I meet has reinforced my observation of just how committed this congregation is to following the example of our Lord in their dedication to worship, and to each other, as well as their willingness to pitch in where needed.

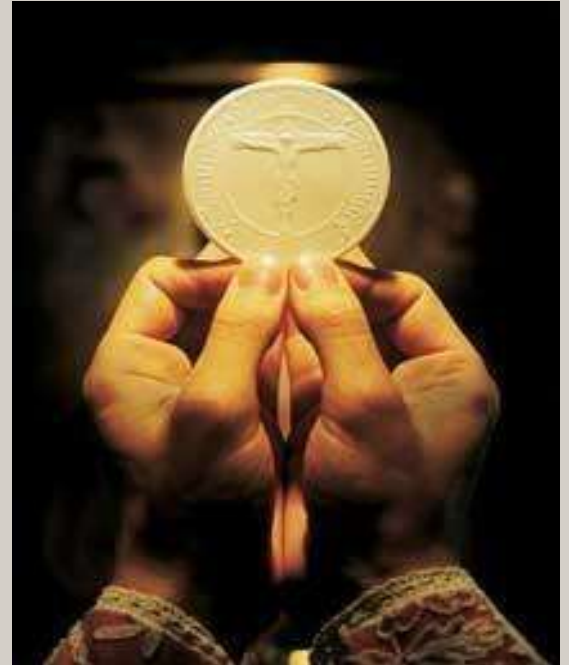
Running the day-to-day responsibilities of a parish office takes teamwork to ensure things run smoothly. So you can expect me to reach out in the near future to several of you (in your various leadership roles), to make sure we're working together to meet your needs.

Now that I've joined your team, I invite you to also become part of mine by reaching out anytime you have a question, or wish to discuss any office-related issues. My door is always open. The best way to reach me is to call the Parish office at 856-845-0190, or if you prefer, by emailing me at the new office email address, which is administrator@christchurch.woodburynj.org.

I am looking forward to a great future together!

Dee Ballistreri

Please keep our First Holy Communion class in your prayers as they work very hard to prepare to receive the benefits from feasting at our **Lord's table on June 23, 2019**



Parish Travel Journal



Mike Sanchez

attended

St. John's Episcopal Church
Lafayette Square, Washington, DC



Sandy Sutton

attended

Saint Martin Episcopal Church
Pompano Beach, Florida

Jim and Donna Wenzel

attended

Westminster Abby
London, England

As a reminder,

Additional Capital Campaign envelopes are available at the usher station, or by calling the Parish office at 856-845-0190



SAFARI!



Save the date
for the

Parish picnic and
Sunday school recognition
Sunday, June 2nd at noon
Red Bank Battlefield

Please join us in celebration of the
contribution of our youth and teachers!

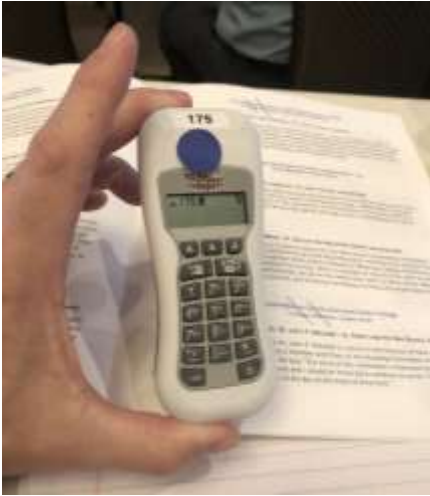
Wear your best safari gear,
or a shirt with a picture of your favorite animal(s)

*Salads, side dishes or desserts are welcome:
A to L - Salads/Sides M to Z - Desserts*

KNOW YOUR Story Live It Boldly



235th Convention of the Diocese of New Jersey



Gathering within the ballroom of the Crowne Plaza in Cherry Hill, the Diocese of New Jersey met for their 235th Annual Convention on Saturday, March 2nd. This was a one-day rather than a two day convention in interest of reducing overall cost.

Many different changes were made in interest of reducing the time to include voting for the first time in convention electronically. Each delegate was issued a voting instrument (*pictured left*) which allowed votes to be tallied almost immediately.

Over 500 attended this event representing 146 congregations reaching from Elizabeth to Cape May, New Jersey.

Tally the votes!



Those representing Christ Church as delegates were: (*l. to r.*) **Father Burgess, John Preole, Jim Wenzel and Cheryl Rheiner.**



2019

Winter and Spring Adult Forum

Father Burgess invites you to join him within him in the upper assembly room, following Dismissal of the 10:00 AM Mass for a PowerPoint presentation study on Scott Korb's book: *Life in Year One: What the World Was Like in First-Century Palestine*.

The answers will surprise you. Scott Korb explores the down-and-dirty truth about what everyday life was like in first-century Palestine, when the Roman Empire was at its zenith and Christianity was born. Drawing from research and his own observations, Korb guides us through the lives, customs and traditions of the people who lived in this small, overlooked corner of the Roman Empire: the peasants and the nobles, the conquered and their conquerors. The result is a lively and engaging popular history of an era that changed the world forever.

Please join us!



I just wanted to say...

THANK YOU!

ECW Mission and Ministry Continues

But each has his (her) own special gifts from God, One of one kind and one of another. Corinthians 7: 7

The Episcopal Church Women of Christ Church, Woodbury have served and worshipped our Lord in this community for many years. As I reflect on our meetings, projects and activities during the past 6 years, I am reminded of all the women, with their special gifts, their time, talents, and dedication, who have participated and worked together to serve our church, our community and each other. We have prayed, studied, planned, worked, laughed, and sometimes cried together, becoming a sisterhood of friendship, trust and love.

With gratitude, I thank all the ECW members and parishioners for the support that I have received and the support you have given to our projects. I have been blessed by this opportunity to serve the Lord and His people in this holy place.

Our officers for the next program year will be Robin Atkins, President; Debbie Rash, Vice-President; Marilyn McGeoch, Secretary; Carol Hill, Treasurer. The mission and ministry of ECW will continue with these capable women. We can look forward to a calendar of new ideas and programs.

Remember, as a woman worshipping at Christ Church, you are already a member of our ECW. Please join us when our meetings resume in September.

Doreen Mills
ECW President
bd48mills@comcast.net

FROM THE PARISH NURSERY

As we move ahead into the summer months I'd like to thank all our nursery aides and invite any one who is interested in becoming a nursery aide to sign up for this rewarding ministry. As some of you may have noticed we are blessed to have recently had a number of beautiful new babies born into our parish family. We congratulate those families and look forward to watching those babies grow and we hope to see you in the nursery.

Kim Wright
Nursery Coordinator
kimwright71@comcast.net





Great Composers of The English Church

This is the second in a series of articles about great composers of music for the English Church. William Byrd, (born 1539/40, London, England—died July 4, 1623, Stondon Massey, Essex, England), English organist and composer under the Tudor monarchs who is best known for his sacred choral music and the development of the English madrigal. He also wrote virginal and organ music that elevated the English keyboard style.

Little is known of Byrd's origins and early life in London. He was a pupil and protégé of the organist and composer Thomas Tallis, and his first authenticated appointment was as organist at Lincoln Cathedral (1563). In 1572 he returned to London to take up his post as a gentleman of the Chapel Royal, where he shared the duties of organist with Tallis. Both Tallis and Byrd remained members of the Church of Rome until their deaths.

Tallis and Byrd maintained a close personal and professional relationship. In 1575 Elizabeth I granted them a joint monopoly for the importing, printing, publishing, and sale of music and the printing of music paper. The first work they issued appeared in that year - a collection of *Cantiones Sacrae*, dedicated to the queen; of the 34 motets in Latin; Tallis contributed 16 and Byrd 18.

Byrd's religious beliefs did not prevent him from composing a great deal of music for the Church of England in English, most of which has survived only in manuscript. Our Choral Scholars offered two of these works this year: "O Lord, look down on me, poor man" and "Be unto me, O Lord, a tower". Organ works by Byrd have also enriched our liturgical life at Christ Church.

Byrd is considered to be the greatest composer of the Tudor age. He wrote extensively for every medium then available except, it seems, the lute. His virginal and organ music brought the English keyboard style to new heights. The high quality of all his work pointed the way to the achievements of other English composers.

Sheldon Eldridge, Organist and Choirmaster
sheldoneldridge@comcast.net



Commemorating St. Florian
Patron of Firefighters
Sunday, May 5th





THE FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI (tr.)

with First Holy Communion

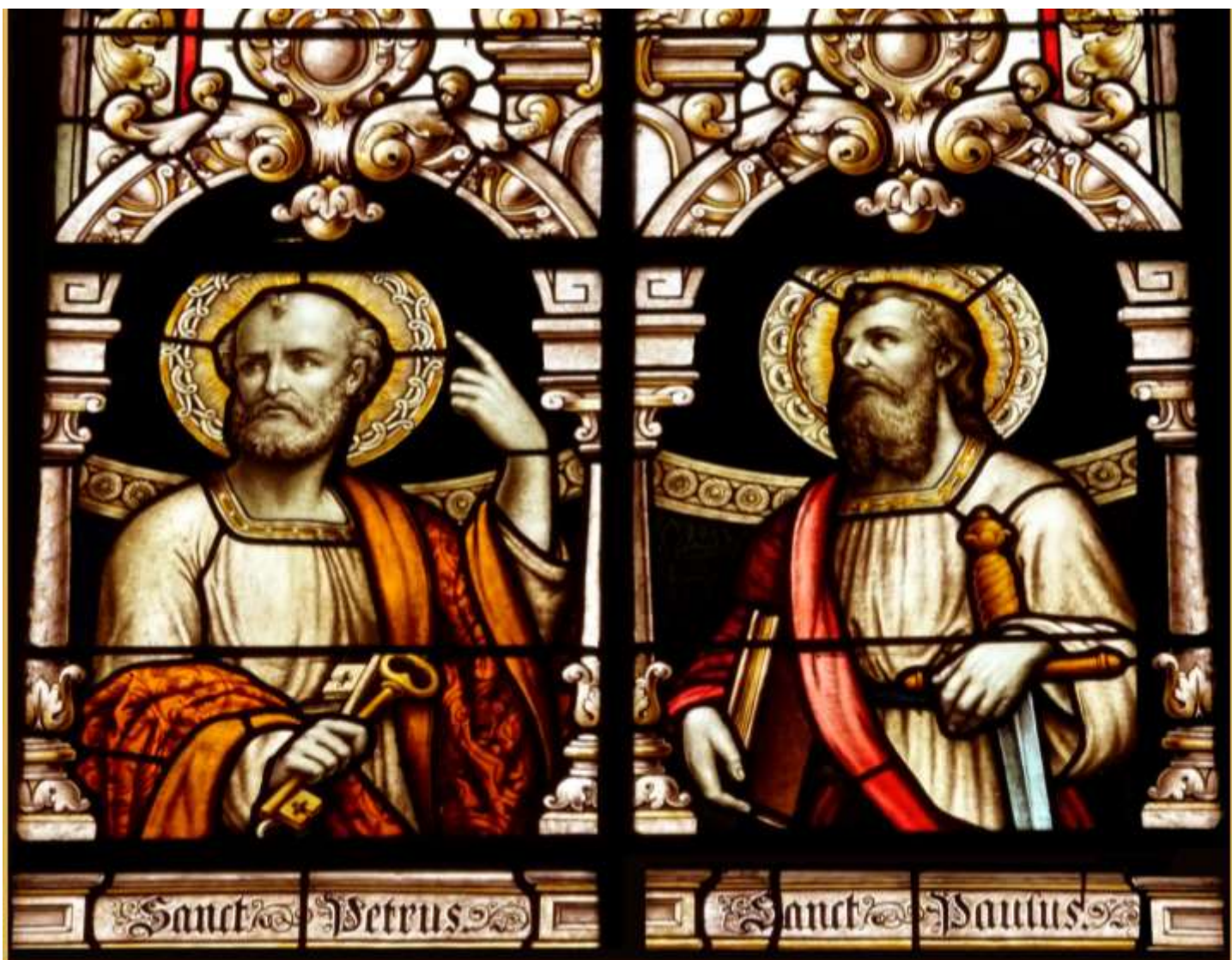
Sunday, June 23rd

Solemn Choral Eucharist at 10:00 AM

*Please be with us as our children present themselves before
the altar for this sacramental milestone.*



God our Father, whose Son our Lord Jesus Christ in a wonderful Sacrament hath left unto us a memorial of his passion: Grant us so to venerate the sacred mysteries of his Body and Blood, that we may ever perceive within ourselves the fruit of his redemption; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*



The Eve of Saint Peter and Saint Paul, Apostles

Friday, June 28th

Evening Prayer at 5:00 PM

Holy Eucharist at 5:30 PM

Almighty God, whose blessed apostles Peter and Paul glorified thee by their martyrdom: Grant that thy Church, instructed by their teaching and example, and knit together in unity by thy Spirit, may ever stand firm upon the one foundation, which is Jesus Christ our Lord; who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the same Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Please join us

ACOLYTE NEWS

Thank you to all the acolytes and parents as we come to the close of another programmatic year. Our younger acolytes have stepped up and have become integral to our ministries success! We were especially impressed with the acolytes reverence and dedication shown during St. Florian's as despite the weather cancelling the procession all acolytes remained vested and in attendance. Thank you all!

Training and fitting of all new and returning acolytes will be held Saturday September 7th at 9:00 AM. Please arrive no later than 9:30am. Fitting and training should be wrapped up by 10:00 AM. If anyone knows any child entering 4th grade or older who would like to serve as an acolyte please see Steve Lewis or Rob Johnson. We look forward to having our high school acolytes remain as mentors to our younger acolytes and lead by example in attendance and worship.

As we head into the summer months a reminder for all acolytes to arrive and be vested no later than 20 minutes prior to the start of the service unless noted otherwise to ensure things continue to run as smooth as possible.

Mr. Steve Lewis
(856) 223-9799

Mr. Rob Johnson
(856) 415-7652



On Palm Sunday in Woodbury, NJ, over 150 from Christ Church and Holy Angels Roman Catholic Parish gathered on and before the Gloucester County Court House steps to offer the Liturgy of the Palms.

Before each congregation returned to their respective altars for the Palm Sunday Mass, the rite of blessing was concluded with both parishes joining their combined voices to the hymn *All glory, laud and honor*.

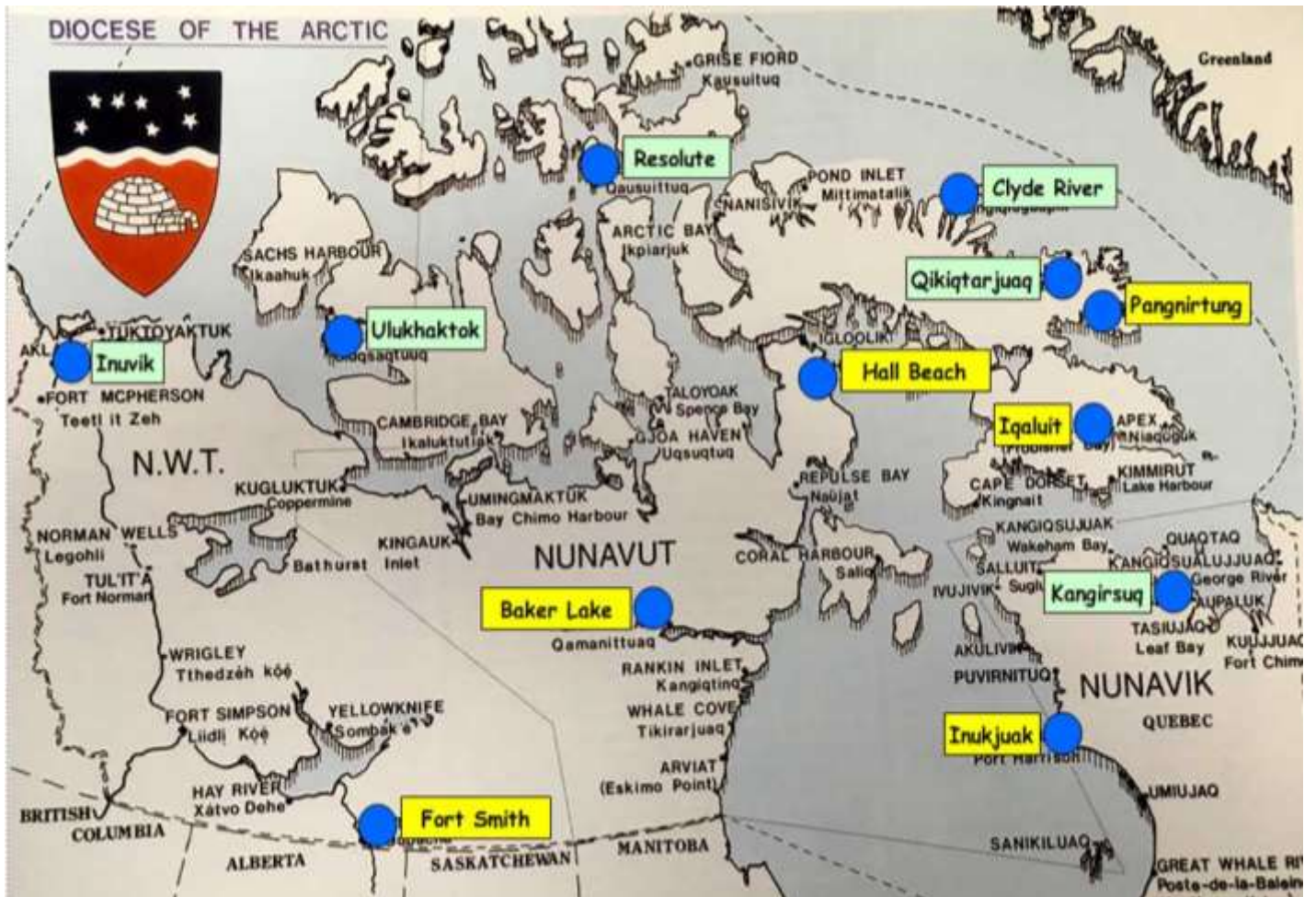
We Welcome the Newly Baptized



During the Great Vigil of Easter Christ Church participated in the Baptism of **Inara Karen Kay Foss**, the daughter of Ben and Christa Foss. Both parents being U.S. Navy musicians, and one of her godparents being a U. S. Navy vocalist, it is a sure bet that Inara will be lending her voice to sacred liturgy as the means of giving glory to God and embolding the people He came to redeem.

The Foss family comes to us from Longmont, Colorado. Christa is a graduate of Rowan College in Glassboro, an accomplished flautist, and the niece of our own Mark and Lisa Harris. She spent a bit of time with us as a member of our parish Choir upon separation from active duty.

"We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood."



SNOW DAY IN JULY

Please join the @1856 Youth Group for snow cones
in the Jubilee Garden
after the 10:00 AM Mass on

Sunday, July 21st for
SNOW DAY IN JULY

Instead of simply satisfying our sweet tooth, our youth group invites a free-will monetary donation to the discretionary fund of The Right Reverend David Parsons, Bishop of the Arctic for each snow cone served.

Come and enjoy a time of extended Eucharistic fellowship while contributing to the mission of the Church.



the annual acolyte

Strawberry Festival

SATURDAY, JUNE 8TH

Following Evening Prayer at 5:00 PM

5:30 PM-7:30 PM

in the Parish Hall

This year's Strawberry Festival is offered at no cost but invites your free-will offering at the door, designated for the distribution of baby formula through the **Gloucester County Special Services Migrant Program**

Your free-will donation will enable our acolytes to purchase cases of baby formula for distribution among migrant worker families in Hammonton, Bridgeton, and Vineland, NJ, this summer during blueberry harvest season.

Please join us!



The Nativity of St. John the Baptist

Monday, June 24th

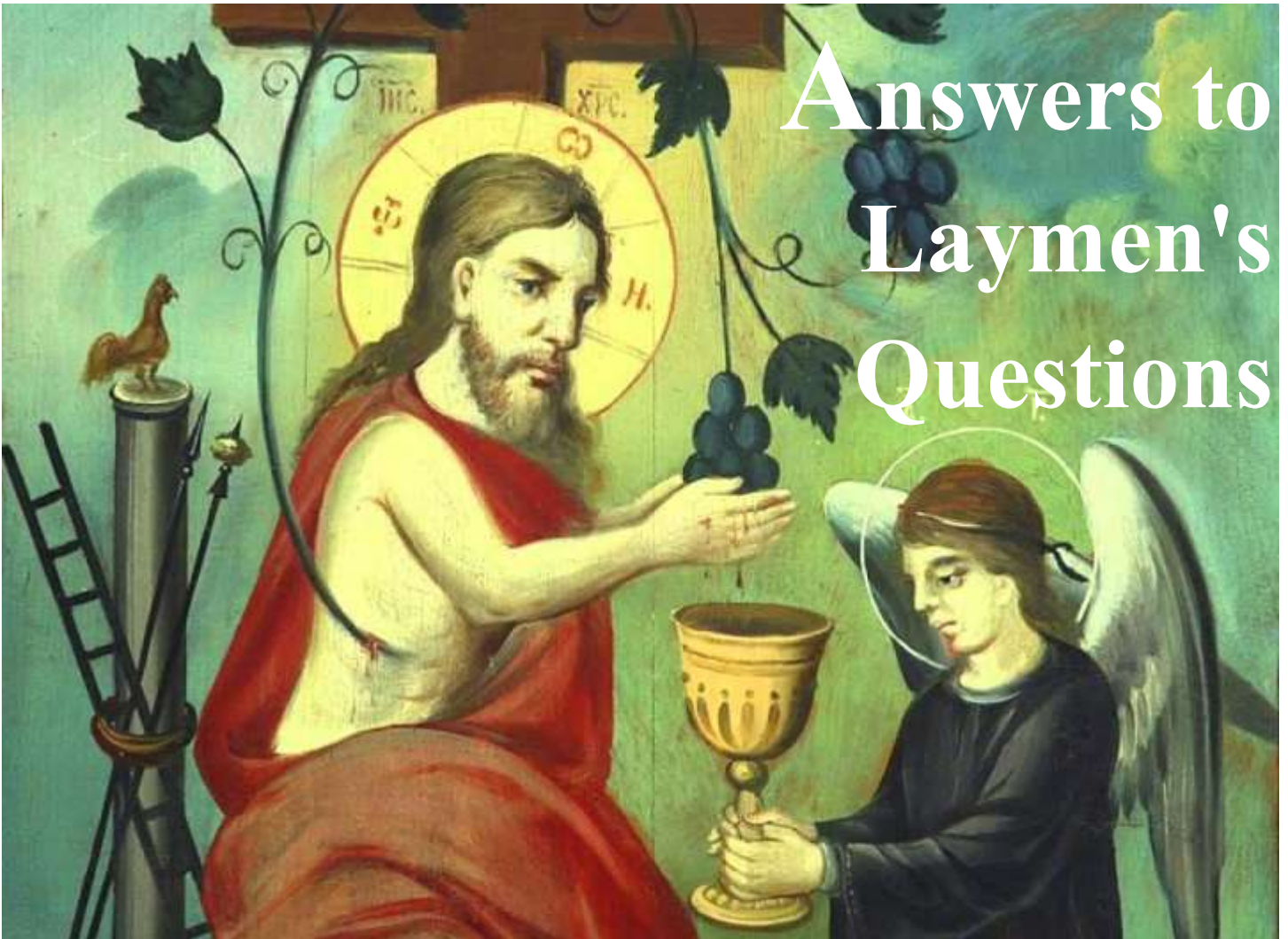
Evening Prayer - 5:00 PM

Holy Eucharist - 5:30 PM

ALMIGHTY God, by whose providence thy servant John Baptist was wonderfully born, and sent to prepare the way of thy Son our Saviour by preaching repentance; Make us so to follow his doctrine and holy life, that we may truly repent according to his preaching; and after his example constantly speak the truth, boldly rebuke vice, and patiently suffer for the truth's sake; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Your presence completes us.

Answers to Laymen's Questions



Do you believe and teach that the bread and the wine that are served during the Communion service have been changed into the Body and Blood of Christ?

I do not like the words "changed into." In the consecration, the bread and wine do not stop being bread and wine, but they become something more than they were before the consecration. By the action of God the Holy Ghost the bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ. When our Lord became incarnate and assumed human nature of the Blessed Virgin Mary, He did not stop being God; human nature was brought into union with His divine nature, in His one Person. So, in the Holy Eucharist the bread and wine are brought into sacramental union with the Body and Blood of Christ, "which are spiritually taken and received by the faithful in the Lord's Supper" (1928 Book of Common Prayer, pg. 582)



From *Answers to Laymen's Questions* by The Right Reverend James P. DeWolfe, Bishop of Long Island (1942-1966). New York: Morehouse-Barlow Company, 1959



Quite often, or perhaps not often enough, I come across writings that so completely and succinctly communicates a particular kingdom theology. That is always the case when I read articles and reflections written by Canon Barry Swain who serves as rector of the Church of the Resurrection in Manhattan, New York City, and the parochial vicar of the Saint John Fisher Chapter of the Society of the Holy Cross within the Province of the Americas.

This one paragraph of his newsletter article entitled ***Towards a Theology of Beauty in Music*** resonated within me so deeply, that I asked Canon Swain's permission to share it with you in the format of our parish newsletter. **Father Burgess**

“If we reflect on the fact that angels, in their worship and in their underlining of the Divine to the world, are a kind of paradigm for Christians in the world, then the musical vocation of angels also comes into play. To-day, perhaps more than ever, one of the most important practical aspects of our vocation is to use music properly in worship. The best possible music we can have in our churches is an extremely important priority. Music often expresses what the spoken word cannot, and speaks for the soul when it cannot speak for itself. Conversely, ugly music is destructive, it contradicts God's presence in the world, and if we aren't careful, music can suggest Hell more often than Heaven. I've been very lucky in all three parishes I have been in to have a full professional music programme with very talented musicians and the great music of the Western Catholic tradition every week. But that isn't necessary or even possible for most churches. What is necessary, and I believe passionately that it is possible, is for us to see to it that the music we have is the best music we can possibly offer, and that it speaks of God within the traditions of the best culture we have achieved. Sad to say, most modern Christian music, "praise music", "Christian rock" and other excuses for church music simply will not do. Stupid lyrics and repetitive simple melodies do not elevate the soul. Great hymns teach by their poetry, and their musical settings serve the texts and lift the heart. It is the same with great choral music, whether it is the Church's own music - plainsong, Mozart or Victorian hymns. It is the priest's absolute responsibility and should be the care and enthusiasm of all parishioners to ensure that music offered is suitable, that it is edifying and uplifting and that it speaks of God rather than being enmeshed in our own modern popular culture. The musicians may have the technical expertise and artistic inspiration, but it is the priest and the people of God in a place who co-operate to make certain that their talents are harnessed to serve God and His Church. The angels taught us that on the first Christmas at Bethlehem.”

The Reverend Canon Barry E. B. Swain, SSC. (2019, March). *Towards a Theology of Beauty in Music*. *Pascha Nostrum*: The Parish Magazine of the Church of the Resurrection, 11-12.

Appreciation

- Thank you to ushers **Don Moser** and **Mark Hendricks** as well as licensed chalice bearer **Bernie Lasoski** for ditching work in interest of serving a 12:00 Noon Mass of Christian Burial on Friday, March 1st. With only forty-eight hours notice in advance of greeting the family and receiving the body at the doors of our church, everyone had to move quickly. All of our ushers and chalice bearers are *very* good at accepting our invitation to serve. However, it just seemed that in advance of this particular Burial Mass, many of our "go to" retired ushers and chalice bearers were already committed to appointments or out of town.
- Thank you to **Judy Fulgham** who also fills in quite regularly on short notice but in the sacristy. Her knowledge of sacred items and sense of reverence brings a calm peace over what could lend itself to be chaos in the absence of leadership. Our altar guild directress relies on her leaders as well, and Judy is always quick to answer her call for assistance.
- Thank you to our stellar **acolyte corps** for inviting us into as well as offering such a well planned and executed Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. It was estimated that they served over 200 dinners which required at times a wait for a seat within both the upper and lower levels of our assembly hall. Their invitation to bring books appropriate for children and youth realized over 1000 books intended for a free book fair in the coal mining community of Dante, Virginia this November. If you want to know where it is our Lord has need of us being, just follow an acolyte of this parish.
- Thank you to the many **parishioners of Christ Church** who not only brought family and friends to the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper but to the service of Evensong previous to our feasting. Our **licensed lay readers** did a tremendous job of organizing and offering the rite giving many of those attending Christ Church for the first time the experience of how we approach sacred liturgy.
- Thank you to **Larry Depasquale** of St. Stephen's Lutheran Church for covering the organ bench for our Tuesday in Last Epiphany (Shrove Tuesday) Evensong. Upon the invitation of our organist and choirmaster, Larry led the service musically from the organ console. This courtesy allowed our own organist to continue with his teaching schedule of private lessons in Princeton. Larry is a true friend of this parish, a supporter of our choral music program, and a fine musician.
- Thank you to **Bellia Print and Design** for assisting us in the purchase of 13 conference room chairs. Found sitting on their showroom floor as a slightly used trade in, Christ Church was able to get these needed chairs for 33% off the already greatly reduced clearance price. The chairs were of the right size, the right pattern, the right price, and of the right dignity for use in our newly renovated conference room. **Andrew and Sal Bellia** are friends of Christ Church having met Fr. Burgess through our association with the Greater Woodbury Chamber of Commerce.
- Thank you to **Fr. William Boatwright, Fr. David Laquintano, and Fr. Ed Zelley** for standing before the altar of Christ Church for weekday observances when Fr. Burgess had to be away. Their devotion to our Lord is evident when their highest priority is to be before an altar sanctifying life, time and space. Christ Church is so very fortunate to have benefit of their lives and vocations among us.
- Thank you to **Jim and Mary Beth Bathurst** for organizing and inviting the parish Vestry and programmatic leadership into a reception for Marietta Hutchison on the occasion of resigning her position of almost ten years for another professional position within the City of Philadelphia. Beginning with Evening Prayer, prayer of thanksgiving was offered and then those

representing Vestry and who hold seats of parish ministry oversight had opportunity to offer their congratulations on behalf of our entire parish.

- Thank you to our stellar **youth group** for preparing breakfast at the Ronald McDonald House in Camden on Saturday, March 16th. The parents and students working together made quite an impression on those needing that particular ministry of hospitality. All to the glory of God.
- Thank you to **Jane Gosdis, Matt Baldwin, and Sarah Rash** for *constantly* placing kingdom priorities before our parish youth with the expectation that together they grow into the grace of God that surrounds them.
- Thank you to **John Marsden, our facilities manager; Cheryl Rheiner, our archivist; and Fran Fulgham, one of our stellar office volunteers** for working together in interest of free shredding events being offered by Deptford Township, the City of Woodbury and West Deptford Township. Destroying volumes of financial records that have exceeded the required five-year storage requirements is most import to do in the right way. These free civic events save our parish a great deal of money in shredding costs.
- Thank you to our **acolytes, ushers, sacristans, lectors, licensed chalice bearers, licensed lay readers, and organists** for offering such reverent support to the Lenten Series Mass schedule. Each of the five Wednesdays invited those making their Lenten pilgrimage together to gather for Evening Prayer at 5:00 PM and Holy Eucharist at 5:30 PM. This high level of commitment to the liturgical calendar and our own Lenten discipline are what makes Christ Church such a special parish.
- Thank you to **Vestry and our Executive Committee** for organizing such an interesting and eye-opening Lenten series. The manner in which they went about the single topic of formation generationally was quite wonderful to enter into over the five weeks of Lent. All was in perfect order from Evening Prayer, to the Mass, to the Lenten soup supper, to the program, and including the closing prayer. *Bravo Vestry!*
- Thank you to **those who deliver the food basket donations** to the food pantry each week. To the glory of God, we realize a very sizable donation to the Greater Woodbury Cooperative Ministries food pantry ministry each and every week. These very faithful volunteers ensure that our donations make it to the pantry shelves in short order.
- Thank you to **John Preole** who takes it upon himself to ensure that our front sidewalk leading to the church doors is clear of debris after rain storms. Due to the mulched beds for the trees spaced between the front concrete sidewalk, the heavy rain and wake from street traffic pushes debris toward the entrance of our church. Of course, that scenario only occurs later Saturday evenings, when little or no other option exists for addressing in advance of our Sunday services. Also thank you to **Bill Oswald**, owner of Ozzie's Lawn Care for tackling the same situation with his leaf blower. Both gentlemen attend the 8:00 AM Mass, are most regular in their Communion, and seek to bring glory to God with their lives and ministries among us.





- Thank you to **Jim and Mary Beth Bathurst, Kim Wright, and all others** who so wonderfully as well as splendidly planned, orchestrated and then offered the champagne and heavy *hor d'oeuvres* reception following the Great Vigil of Easter. There were many with us for the first time that Saturday evening who now have a complete and accurate experience of just how blessed we are as a parish.
- Thank you to **Jean Garozzo**, administrative assistant to county freeholder James J. Lavender. Each year, Jean accepts and then distributes our St. Florian posters of invitation to each freeholder's office and to the offices of our county constitutional officers. Jean has long been a friend of Christ Church and holds an appreciation for the manner in which we go about our parish ministry.
- Thank you to **Sandra Sutton and all our parish office volunteers** for putting in many more hours during our time of staff transition this early spring. Their offering ensured we traversed a challenging time quite smoothly and without incident. Their attitude toward offering only their best on behalf of our parish is both contagious and greatly appreciated.
- Thank you to **Michael Wright** of the Deptford Post Office for always and most generously offering his assistance when it comes to completing Bulk Mail paper work and forms. Each mailing is a bit different and the requirements of submitting the forms seem to keep changing. As the one who has oversight of the Bulk Mail operation for our entire region, Mike is always most helpful, patient, professional and affirming when it comes to assisting our office volunteers in accomplishing the Bulk Mail requirements of our parish.
- Thank you to **The Reverend Tim Nessler** for taking such a bold stance within the Gloucester County Fire Chiefs Association when it comes to inviting their participation in our annual commemoration of St. Florian, patron of firefighters. Chaplain Nessler has always expected tremendous turn out from those with whom he serves alongside. His insight into the particular ministry of fire service and public safety is invaluable. In addition to serving as Association Chaplain, he was recently elevated to the rank of Chief for the Wenonah Fire Company. Congratulations and thank you!
- Thank you to **our acolytes and the acolytes from St. Andrew's in Camden** who were scheduled to serve during our annual St. Florian Evensong. The necessity of their presence had only to do with a festal procession that forms at the fire house and makes its way down Delaware Street and into the church. Thirteen were scheduled and thirteen showed up, vested, and participated in the Evensong *even though it rained buckets during that hour and we were not able to form a procession*. There were even those who braved the elements for the blessing of fire trucks rendering them drenched by the time the service of Evensong began. If you want to see direct evidence of faithfulness, reverence, decency and order in action, please look toward those of our children who serve as parish acolytes.
- Likewise, thank you to the **local ministerium (clergy)** who responded that they would be with us on this special day and made it to the altar. The Gloucester County Fire Chiefs Association and their chaplains are always quite impressed with the wider participation that this commemoration brings and this year was no exception.

- Thank you to **Chris Piskun, Michele Schiffer, and Matt Seddon** for taking pictures during our St. Florian commemoration and festivities. Regardless of the rain and being driven inside, there were tremendous moments captured that will be used in newsletters, promotional material and invitations for others to "come and see."
- Thank you to **Riley Shomo** who assisted her father and the other Brothers Andrew when it came to their offering a reception on Mother's Day. Riley was the perfect hostess at the receptions following both the 8:00 AM and the 10:00 AM Mass.
- Thank you to the **Seddon family** for providing the fresh cut carnations for distribution on Mother's Day as a gift to all mothers, daughters, and sisters. Although the sky was overcast and it rained, the carnations being distributed at the door upon Dismissal made the day a bit more spring like and festive.
- Thank you to **Fran Fulgham** who did a great job of distributing the St. Florian posters to local businesses. He also helps by doing errands for the office.

Independence Day

Thursday, July 4th

Holy Eucharist - 6:00 PM



Proper Psalms, Lessons, and Prayers were first appointed for this national observance in the Proposed Prayer Book of 1786. They were deleted, however, by the General Convention of 1789, primarily as a result of the intervention of Bishop William White. Though himself a supporter of the American Revolution, he felt that the required observance was inappropriate, since the majority of the Church's clergy had, in fact, been loyal to the British crown.

Writing about the Convention which had called for the observance of the day throughout "this Church, on the fourth of July, for ever," White said, "The members of the convention seem to have thought themselves so established in their station of ecclesiastical legislators, that they might expect of the many clergy who had been averse to the American revolution the adoption of this service; although, by the use of it, they must make an implied acknowledgment of their error, in an address to Almighty God. . . . The greater stress is laid on this matter because of the notorious fact, that the majority of the clergy could not have used the service, without subjecting themselves to ridicule and censure. For the author's part, having no hindrance of this sort, he contented himself with having opposed the measure, and kept the day from respect to the requisition of the convention; but could never hear of its being kept, in above two or three places beside Philadelphia."

It was not until the revision of 1928 that provision was again made for the liturgical observance of the day.

Lesser Feasts and Fasts * 1997 (New York: Church Publishing, 1998)

Please note: The City of Woodbury's Fireworks Display will be the evening of July 6th (Rain Date - July 7th)



Summer Chorister Camp Welcomes a New Director

Upon the invitation of Fr. Burgess and in consultation with Mr. Sheldon Eldridge, Mrs. Cristin Introcaso will join us as the 2019 Summer Chorister Camp Director. As camp director, her responsibilities cover the organization, oversight and logistical concerns that accompany a week long, ten-hour a day, summer day camp program with meals, field trips, and performances. Cristin will organize the efforts of volunteers and work closely with the administrative structure of our parish to ensure that we offer the best summer camp experience for our choristers that is possible.

Christin has been with us previous at Christ Church as our alto Choral Scholar. She is an accomplished musician as well as high school choral music director. She is highly sought out for her skills in choral music conducting, ensemble development, and organizational leadership.

Cristin is not to be said “no” to. She has a plan that invites each of us to contribute a bit of time, talent and money to the success of this year’s offering. Since we invite many children to join us from outside our parish, this offering can and should be supported as a very bold expression of outreach and evangelism.

By securing the talent of a camp director, Mr. Eldridge is better able to plan, prepare and offer the musical elements of the camp to include all rehearsals, instruction in the Royal School of Church Music curriculum, sung services, and the final Friday evening Evensong.

This year’s camp is scheduled for the Week of Monday, July 8th through Friday, July 12th. Brochures are available in the church, by calling the church office, or may be downloaded from the church website: www.christchurch.woodburynj.org. Please help us get the word out about this wonderful opportunity by distributing brochures to the parents of potential summer choristers.

Welcome Mrs. Introcaso!

Cristin Charlton Introcaso is in her eighteenth year as director of choirs at Collingswood High School where she conducts the Concert Choir and Women's Choir in addition to three co-curricular ensembles: Madrigal Singers, Chamber Choir, and Barbershop.

Under her direction, the Collingswood Concert Choir has performed at the Lincoln Center, Carnegie Hall, the Kimmel Center, and most recently, the National Cathedral in Washington D.C.

Mrs. Charlton-Introcaso received her Bachelor of Vocal Music Education and Master of Music in Choral Conducting from Rowan University. In the past four years, Mrs. Charlton-Introcaso has co-presented a session at the New Jersey Music Educators Association (NJMEA) conference and conducted the 2014 South Jersey Choral Directors Association (SJCDA) Elementary Festival. She has performed, directed and vocal directed at numerous theaters throughout the Greater Philadelphia area.



Cristin Charlton Introcaso
*Camp Director/Instructor in Vocal
Music Techniques*

2019 Chorister Camp will be held
the week of :
Monday, July 8th through Friday, July 12th.
7:30 AM - 5:30 PM

Help spread the word!

Episcopal Church Women's Prayer



Almighty God, we pray that you will bless our work in mission and ministry in the world. Help us to pray fervently, labor diligently, and give liberally to make known the power of your love, given through your son, Jesus Christ. Let us not forget the lessons from the past nor fear the challenges of the future. Anoint us with your grace and shine in our hearts as we reflect your light throughout the world. *Amen.*

ECW DISTRICT MEETING

The Woodbury District Episcopal Church Women held their spring meeting in the parish hall of Christ Church on Sunday, April 28. Donna Friedel, president of the district and diocesan ECW, presided over the meeting.

Yolanda Hamilton, a devoted case worker for Mother/Child, was the guest speaker. Mother/Child is a part of the Center for Family Services whose referrals are women 18 and over who are currently homeless and either pregnant or parenting one to three children. Yolanda spoke about the services included in this residential program. Located in Woodbury, the program provides classes on parenting, financial security, communication, and other life skills, while helping the women set goals to become self-sufficient.

Following the presentation, questions were asked about how ECW could support their programs. The ECW of Christ Church has been supporting Mother/Child with donations of sheets, towels, toiletries, toys, and books for the children and contributions. Yolanda also said that there are opportunities for volunteers at the Woodbury location. The District ECW has chosen Mother/Child as its ongoing project for the 2019-20 program years. Yolanda gratefully accepted contributions from the District ECW and Christ Church ECW at the end of her presentation.

Doreen Mills, ECW President
bd48mills@aol.com



ECW Executive Committee (*pictured left to right*): Robin Atkins, Vice President; Marilyn McGeoch, Secretary; Doreen Mills, President; and Debbie Rash, Treasurer

Hunger does NOT take a vacation....

Trinity Sunday

June 16th

BRING 3



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

On Trinity Sunday June 19, 2019, Christ Church of Woodbury will help to restock our local food pantry that feeds families in need.

"BRING 3" items or **"BRING 3"** bags and fill our Trinity Truck before both the 8:00 AM and 10 AM Mass.

Suggested food donations: Applesauce, Canned Proteins (Beans, Chicken, Tuna, Salmon, Ham, SPAM), Canned Vegetables, Cooking Oils (Olive and Canola), Crackers, Dried Herbs and Spices, Canned or Dried Fruit, Granola Bars, Instant Mashed Potatoes, Meals in a Box, Nuts, Peanut Butter, Rice, Shelf Stable and Powdered Milks, Canned or Packaged Soups, Stews and Chili, Whole Grain Cereals.

For more information about Greater Woodbury Cooperative Ministries ("GWCM") food pantry, please contact me or visit: <https://gwcm.org>

Cydy Gallenthin, Outreach
cydygallenthin@hotmail.com



Monday, July 22nd (*tr.*)

Saint Mary Magdalene

5:00 PM Evening Prayer

5:30 PM Holy Eucharist

The Great Vigil of Easter



I just want to take this time to thank everyone for their participation in The Great Easter Vigil. Jim and Marybeth Bathurst did a beautiful job once again as our hosts. Kate Baldwin and Denise Burgess the flower arrangements were gorgeous. Thank you to Jim Atkins for set up help and those who assisted with clean up at the end of the night. To Chris Piskun thanks for the donation of 2 Dunkin Donut gifts cards to the Wright boys for returning the tables and linens for us. I cannot forget to mention all of you who came out and attended

the evening. I feel it was a great success. See you all at our next function.

Kim Wright

kimwright71@comcast.net

FROM THE PARISH REGISTER

Burials:

*Rest eternal,
grant unto them*

Betty J. Gwin
4.17.19

Stanley G. Lewis
4.24.19

Baptism:

*We receive you into the
household of God*

Inara Karen Kay Foss
4.20.19



Thank you to **Miss Maya Sanchez**, daughter of Mike and Darcie Sanchez, who presented Father Burgess with this wonderful gift of liturgical art. Maya has a gift for bringing definition to the surreal, and encounter with the Holy Mystery. These pictures demonstrate why it is we do not separate our children from the Sacred Liturgy.

A Long Overdue Thank You Note

By Joan A. Mitchell

In the March 2012 issue of The Parish Letter appeared an article I wrote entitled “Ode (Owed) to the Choir of Christ Church.” Basically this was a tribute to the then long-serving and talented organist Richard Warwick Kurtz, and to the 20 men and women who comprised Christ Church’s choir at that time. And as a result of that article there were many positive comments from members of the congregation. *“Long overdue praise,” “Finally recognition of this talented and loyal group of folks” – “This should have been said a long time ago” – etc. etc. etc.*

So here we are seven years later. Now Christ Church’s choir(s) are under the direction of Sheldon F. Eldridge, our present dedicated and talented organist. Sheldon is a graduate of Westminster Choir College, and lives in Princeton, New Jersey. In addition to his position as Organist and Choir Master at Christ Church, Sheldon also teaches piano to students who live in the Princeton area.



The present Christ Church Parish Choir consists of sixteen volunteer and dedicated members – 4 of whom are the Choir’s “Choral Scholars” – the quartet which, in addition to singing the service music and offertory anthem with the full choir, offers an introit and motet during each Mass. During the summer months when the full choir is not in session, the Scholars offer sacred vocal solos each week.

Also Christ Church is now affiliated with the Royal School of Church Music, and takes advantage of its chorister training program for young boys and girls who comprise this new group of singers. Currently there are six of these young singers who take their place in the choir stalls during special services, blending their voices with those of the Parish Choir. Each chorister works toward earning his or her St. Nicholas Medal, suspended from a white ribbon and worn around the neck. As each new level of achievement is attained the color of the ribbon changes. Several of our choristers will soon receive the light blue ribbon. Of the current sixteen members of the Parish Choir eight were part of the group highlighted in the March/April 2012 issue of the Parish Letter, and are still actively involved. Only one of the present Scholars – John Lyden – remains from the original group. But change is a way of life, and fortunately the seamless changes that occur in Christ Church’s Choirs have had no impact on the glorious music we are accustomed to hearing during each Mass.

The beautiful music which is so much a part of each service at Christ Church should never be taken for granted. It requires a lot of hard work, concentration, and dedication by all of the talented folks – young and not-so-young – who are involved in this activity.

So once again Thank you – *ALL of you* – from all of us.

Christ Church Parish Choir

Erika Holland	Darrah Maffettone
Shawn Holland	John Lyden
Gwendolyn Simpson	Linda Rosser
Nancy Parker	Melinda Burroughs
Cheryl Rheiner	John Burroughs
Audrey Daugherty	Denise Burgess
Caroll Tillberg	Matthew Baldwin
Matthew Seddon	Michael Seddon

Christ Church Choristers

Christopher Cranston
Nathaniel Maggi
Aaron Schiffer
Josephine Moser
Noah Wishnick
Erin Lewis



Invitation to Chorister Camp at Christ Church

Together with our Rector, The Very Rev. Father Brian K. Burgess, I extend an invitation to children ages seven through twelve to participate in Christ Church's second annual Summer Chorister Camp, which is scheduled for the week of Monday, 8 July through Friday, 12 July.

This year, we are most fortunate to have as our camp director, Cristin Charlton Introcaso, a former alto Choral Scholar at our parish and director of Choral Activities at Collingswood High School. In addition to directing camp activities, she will begin each morning's opening rehearsal with vocal warmups including rounds and other enjoyable technical exercises.

Choristers learn and grow in musical techniques including breathing, rhythm, pitch, pronunciation and sound projection while preparing quality choral repertoire which is offered in the culminating Evensong on Friday afternoon. This includes Preces and Responses, an Anglican Chant Psalm, a setting of the Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis, Hymns and an Anthem. They also learn proper deportment in procession, holding music, and in standing and sitting in choir.

The children are carefully supervised and all five days are planned to include a balance of musical training and other fun activities, including daily excursions off campus to various interesting venues. Each day begins with Morning Prayer and ends with Evening Prayer. Breakfast and lunch are provided.

Christ Church, Woodbury, is an affiliate of the Royal School of Church Music. Choristers already involved in our church's choral program will continue their work in the RSCM workbooks. Children newly attending are encouraged to join our Chorister training program, and workbooks for earning the White Surplice will be available for them to being on the path to earning the White Ribbon and Saint Nicholas Medal.

If you have or know of children who would be interested in participating in this high quality program, please contact Christ Church Office at 856-845-0190. Brochures for registration will be available prior to the last week in May.



Please join us!

Sheldon Eldridge
Organist and Choirmaster
sheldoneldridge@comcast.net





Our Youth had a blast last summer!

So we are going to do it again. We open this event to all ages of Christ Church but if your child is attending under the age of 11 we please ask a parent to attend with them.

When: Saturday July 13th

Time: Meet at the church parking lot at 7:30 AM

Where: Delaware River Tubing, 778 Frenchtown Rd, Milford, NJ 08848

Details:

Delaware Tubing is about an hour and a half away from Christ Church. After all permission slips and waivers are collected, we will caravan to Milford.

Arrival Time is expected to be around 9:30 and in the water at 10:00-10:15 AM

Completed time in the water should be about 2:00-2:15 PM.

Arrival back at Christ Church at 3:30 PM.

Price per person is \$33.95 which includes lunch. Lunch includes two free hot dogs or a burger, ice cold beverage and candy bar or chips at their privately owned Adventure Island at the halfway point during the river adventure. *(Coolers are prohibited because food is offered on the trip at the midway point)*

Shoes are mandatory during the float. Furthermore, shoes cannot be flip flops or sandals. Shoes that are acceptable are any water shoe with a heel strap, Croc-style shoes, or old sneakers. If you don't have proper water shoes, they sell proper river footwear at an on-site River Store. The river bed is covered in rocks that can be sharp or jagged. Water shoes will save your feet and make your trip more enjoyable.

Please let Jane Gosdis know if you want to attend, or for any questions. You can reach Jane by calling her at 856-217-3037 or email jane@gosdis.com.



Pentecost

The Day of Pentecost

Sunday, June 9

8 AM Holy Eucharist

Confirmation and Reaffirmation
of Baptismal Vows

10 AM Choral Eucharist *with incense*

(Nursery available)

Altar Guild

Altar Guild members are always there to set the Altar in accordance with the liturgical calendar.

Each year we go from the dark and solemn setting of Lent into the beautiful and joyous season of Easter. The Altar Guild sets the Altar with unbleached candles and dried flowers during the season of Lent, adding color only for Rose Sunday. For Holy Week the altar changes daily until the great Vigil of Easter when the entire church is adorned in light, whites and beautiful spring flowers

The Altar Guild is dedicated to making the church a place of beauty worthy of our Father. As you enter the church on Sunday, notice the colors, the vestments, the flowers, the candles and the sacred elements carefully placed in preparation for your worship at each and every service.

Thank you to the Altar Guild for always being there, working quietly, but joyfully in this sacred space. I am honored to call each of you my friend.

Sincerely,

Allene C. Ferrell
Altar Guild Directress
aferrell14@



CONFIRMATION

The 2019 Adult Inquirers' Class was offered in preparation for the sacrament of Confirmation or the rite of Reception into the Episcopal Church. Classes met from 6:00 PM until 8:30 PM in the Upper Assembly Conference Room. Five high school aged students and six adults seeking to be presented to the Bishop for Confirmation or reception attended a minimum of six complete sessions of the classes offered.

- Monday, May 6th "The Symbolism of the Church"
- Friday, May 10th "The Church's Long Past: The Reformation"
- Monday, May 13th "The Characteristics of the Church"
- Monday, May 20th "The Sacraments"
- Friday, May 24th "The Ordained Ministry/Ministry of the Laity"
- Friday, May 31st "Second Century Home Eucharist" (*within the rectory*)
- Monday, June 3rd "Structure of the Church"



Bishop William Stokes will confer the sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday, June 9th, The Day of Pentecost

TAKE ME OUT
TO THE BALLGAME



CHRIST CHURCH NIGHT

At Citizens Bank Park

WEDNESDAY, JULY 17th - 7:05 PM
Philadelphia Phillies vs. Los Angeles Dodgers

GROUP TICKET DISCOUNT PRICE

\$34 Adult \$17 Youth



Seat Location: SECTION 142: ROWS 15-20
Limited seats available - **RESERVE NOW!**
Final payment for tickets due : **SUNDAY, JUNE 16**

It's also Star Wars theme night!! Star Wars characters
will be available at the entrance gates for
photo opportunities.

Fans are encouraged to dress up as their favorite Star
Wars characters.

FOR TICKETS AND INFORMATION:

Please see Jim or Robin Atkins
856-468-8860 or 609-560-6809
or email us at: atkins82@aol.com



William White, Bishop of Pennsylvania, 1836

Wednesday, July 17th

Healing Mass - 10:00 AM

O Lord, who in a time of turmoil and confusion didst raise up thy servant William White, and didst endow him with wisdom, patience, and a reconciling temper, that he might lead thy Church into ways of stability and peace: Hear our prayer, we beseech thee, and give us wise and faithful leaders, that through their ministry thy people may be blessed and thy will be done; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**





Summer Choristers Service Schedule

The Summer Choristers of Christ Church invite you to join them during the week of July 8th through 12th for:

Morning Prayer at 8:00 AM

Evensong at 5:00 PM

The Friday Evensong will feature the choral work and compositions that they have prepared during their week of camp.

Praise ye the LORD. Praise God in his sanctuary: praise him in the firmament of his power.
Praise him for his mighty acts: praise him according to his excellent greatness.
Praise him with the sound of the trumpet: praise him with the psaltery and harp.
Praise him with the timbrel and dance: praise him with stringed instruments and organs.
Praise him upon the loud cymbals: praise him upon the high sounding cymbals.
Let every thing that hath breath praise the LORD. Praise ye the LORD.

(Psalm 150)

St. James, Apostle
Thursday, July 25th
Holy Eucharist at 6:00 PM



Saint Mary the Virgin
Thursday, August 15th
Holy Eucharist at 6:00 PM





The Head Archivist for the Diocese of Egypt - Monica Emil

ANGLICAN COMMUNION NEWS

DIOCESE OF EGYPT TEAMS UP
WITH BRITISH UNIVERSITY TO
OPEN NEW ARCHIVE

A new Research Centre has been opened in Cairo as part of a newly renovated archive facility for the Episcopal Diocese of Egypt. The new Cairo Research Centre has been created by the Diocese of Egypt, part of the Anglican / Episcopal Church of Jerusalem and the Middle East, in collaboration with the UK's University of Leicester.

The British Ambassador to Egypt, Sir Geoffrey Adams, attended the opening ceremony last week (9 May) alongside the Bishop of Egypt, Mouneer Anis, and Dr James Moore of the University of Leicester and Dr Richard Gauvain from the British University in Cairo. They were joined by representatives of the Diocese of Egypt and members of the country's academic community in what the local Church described as an "exciting event".

Last week's ceremony was a significant milestone in a project which began in 2015 with the digitisation of the diocese's documents and manuscripts dating back to the early 19th century. As part of the process, the archive has been moved to a newly-renovated facility which has been specifically designed to house the materials. The work has been carried out with the technical and financial support of the University of Leicester

The Anglican Church in Egypt began as a chaplaincy to the British Victorian-era expat community. The Diocese now includes the Horn of Africa and considerable parts of North Africa. It is part of the Anglican / Episcopal Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East. Last month, the Anglican Consultative Council's Standing Committee agreed a process that could lead to the Church becoming an independent province of the Anglican Communion in its own right.

"It's fascinating work. When I pick up a letter, handwritten from 65 years ago, it makes me wonder if the author could have imagined where their words would be today", the Diocese's Head Archivist, Monica Emil, said in 2016 in the early stages of the project. "It's dusty work, that's for sure, but what we're doing here is worth it."

The archive include registers of baptisms, marriages and deaths, minute books, correspondence, orders of service, maps, plans, newsletters and printed pamphlets. Attached to the archive is a library of academic books relating to the history, topography and architecture of Egypt and the Middle East.

"In order to provide access to the great wealth of information in this archive, we added a research centre, adjoining to the archive", the Diocese said in a statement. "The Cairo Research Centre will be a meeting place for researchers, scholars and members of the public who are interested in modern Egyptian history, society and culture.

"The Centre will hold regular events, workshops and seminars and provide access to affordable accommodation for visiting scholars and guests."

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DURING THE MONTH OF AUGUST

During the Month of August, the weekday Mass schedule will be abbreviated as the means of accommodating Fr. Burgess' vacation plans and to allow for the observance of Major Feasts of the Prayer Book Calendar without interruption.

The regular Mass schedule returns on the 1st of September.

Thursday, August 1st
Joseph of Arimathea
Holy Eucharist - 6:00 PM

Wednesday, August 7th
The Transfiguration of our Lord Jesus Christ (tr.)
Healing Mass - 10:00 AM

Thursday, August 15th
Saint Mary the Virgin, Mother of our Lord Jesus Christ
Holy Eucharist - 10:00 AM

Wednesday, August 21st
St. Bartholomew, Apostle (tr.)
Healing Mass - 10:00 AM

Thursday, August 29th
Feria—Thursday in the week of Proper 16
Holy Eucharist - 6:00 PM

Your presence completes us.



THE CHAPEL OF FOUR CHAPLAINS

Encouraging Cooperation and Selfless Service Among All People

MEET EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

MSG WILLIAM KAEMMER, U.S. ARMY

For the past 30 years Bill Kaemmer has served as part of a Unit Ministry Team alongside an Army Chaplain serving the needs of members of the armed forces throughout our nation and abroad. As a Master Religious Affairs Specialist, he was responsible to provide religious support to all serving in our Armed Forces.

A native of Wisconsin, Master Sergeant Kaemmer received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Secondary Education from the University of Wisconsin and a Master of Mass Communications and School Administration from Drake University.

While working as Public Relations Director at Goodwill Industries, Bill joined the United States Army. He attended Basic Training at Fort Dix, NJ and graduated as a Chaplain Assistant from Advanced Individual Training at Ft. Monmouth.

During his initial active duty assignment he was stationed in Germany during the "fall of the Berlin wall" and assisted soldiers during Operation Desert Shield/Storm. Upon release

from active duty, Bill enlisted in the Iowa Army National Guard while teaching and coaching in the Des Moines School District. He later taught history at Hillsboro High School in Oregon, continuing on to Military Science Professor at Portland State University.

In 2007, MSG Kaemmer returned to the Chaplain Corp, becoming the Joint Forces Headquarters' Senior Chaplain Assistant. Following in 2013, he returned to active duty to serve as the Master Religious Affairs Specialist, National Guard Bureau, Arlington, VA.

His responsibility includes the training and mentoring of over 1,400 Chaplains and Religious Affairs Specialists in the 54 States, Territories and the District of Columbia.

Although currently residing in Washington, DC with his wife Mia, he commutes to Philadelphia while performing duties as Executive Director of the Chapel of the Four Chaplains in Philadelphia.

Master Sergeant Kaemmer brings a wealth of knowledge and connection from his experience. Christ Church welcomes him as our guest speaker and award presenter at our Flag Day service of Evening Prayer on June 14, 2019





**Chapel of Four Chaplains
Legion of Honor Award**

Will be presented to:

E. Diana Redfield

by Master Sergeant William Kaemmer,
Executive Director of the Chapel of Four Chaplains

During a Service of Evensong
Friday June 14th, Flag Day

5:00 PM at Christ Church, Woodbury

Please join us as we lend our voices to common prayer to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the celebrated life of Diana and her distinguished ministry among us.



Cardinal Village

Prom Queen



Congratulations to our own **Pat Bolton** who was crowned Prom Queen on Saturday, May 18th during the senior prom held at Cardinal Village Senior Living Community. A recent resident to Cardinal Village, Pat is being celebrated for her cheery disposition and positive attitude toward all that is new in her life and particular ministry. In addition, born in 1921, Pat celebrated her 98th Birthday on Friday, May 24th with cake, ice cream, children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, residential staff, and friends.



Saint Barnabas, Apostle

Holy Eucharist
Tuesday, June 11th
7:30 AM



Kaitlyn Johnson attended the Baccalaureate service of Evensong at Trinity Cathedral in Trenton as a recipient of a Diocese of New Jersey Episcopal Church Women Student Service Award and as a Bishop Albert W. Van Duzer scholar. Both awards were presented by Bishop William H. Stokes.

Kaitlyn is a senior at the Gloucester County Institute of Technology, a valued leader of our acolyte corps and a student athlete. She has traveled with this parish in order to engage pressing mission priorities within the coal mining Region of Southwestern Virginia.

In the fall of 2019 Kaitlyn will most likely be entering the freshman class of Rowan College at Gloucester County to study nutrition/culinary arts. This is an opportunity that she has worked very hard to achieve.

Congratulations Kaitlyn.



MOTHER'S DAY



Although the overcast skies poured down rain all day, our recognizing the particular ministry of the mothers, women, and girls of our parish with the wearing of Spring hats on Mother's Day brought glory to God while designating \$180.00 from our already budgeted outreach funds for the **Ripa Center for Woman's Health and Wellness** in Camden, New Jersey. When combined with the funds generated from the Episcopal Church Women quilt raffle, the total contribution reached was \$430.00. In spite of the weather conditions, the Mother's Day reception offered by our Brothers Andrew was moved inside, welcoming a full house of those who lingered for a bit of refreshment and parish hospitality.



Pictured are those of Christ Church (clockwise from bottom left) **Carol DiMeo** and **Jeanne Webb**, **Mary Ellen Quinn**, **Jim Bathurst** and **Vernona Shute**, **Maya Sanchez** presenting the Eucharistic elements with her parents, **Mike** and **Darcie Sanchez**, and her brother **Miguel Sanchez**.



The Faith of an English Catholic: *The Mass*

A hundred years ago it was very rare for the Holy Eucharist to be celebrated every Sunday; in some churches the celebration was once a month; in many it was less often. For the celebration of it many who had been present at the Morning Prayer and Litany and Ante-Communion service left the Church, and only those who were intending to communicate remained. It was celebrated without external signs of dignity.



To all this the Anglo-Catholic church of to-day supplies the greatest possible contrast. The word Mass is freely used. Mass is celebrated, or there are more Masses than one, every day. The solemn High Mass, or, when ministers for that are not available, a Mass sung without deacon and sub-deacon, is the chief service on Sundays. In addition to this, when there are sufficient priests, there are Low Masses at various times. While communicants are many, there are many also who are present without at the time communicating. Everything that can add external dignity and beauty to the service is used.

This great difference has been reached through a great long process. . . .

During the different stages of this process the reason for the changes which have been made has been always the same. Behind ceremony there has been doctrine. The Eucharistic vestments - the amice, alb, girdle, maniple, stole, chasuble - afford a convenient instance. The use of them has been restored, partly because it was believed that this use was in obedience to the directions of the Book of Common Prayer, and partly because these vestments illustrates the continuity of the present English Church with the pre-Reformation English Church, but much more because they were felt to be an outward sign that in fundamental doctrine the Church of England to-day is at one with the rest of the Catholic Church in the past and in the present.

From: *The Faith of an English Catholic* by Darwell Stone, Principal and Librarian, Pusey House, Oxford; and Anglo-Catholic Theologian (London: Longmans, Green and Co. Ltd., March 1926), Pg. 34 and 35

Alice McEwen, Founder, CMMC Food Bank

For to your faithful people, O Lord, life is changed, not ended

On Saturday, April 6, 2019, Ed Ferrell and I represented Christ Church of Woodbury at a "Celebration Of Life" honoring Alice K. McEwen (Paulsboro). Father Burgess perfectly describes Alice as, "the heart and soul of Colonial Manor United Methodist Church food bank."

Pastors Brad Goodhart, Brooks Goodhart, and their father, Pastor Goodhart (Thorofare) along with Colonial Manor Methodist Church's Pastor Marikay J Green reverently shared Alice's favorite hymns, scripture and prayers.

Alice's beloved husband, Earl, Sr., their son Earl and daughter, Leslie, and families received heartfelt testimonials from lifelong loving friends and neighbors close to Alice's life.

Alice will best be remembered for her patience and kindness, and works in Gideon Auxiliary and Colonial Manor's food bank. Clearly, all who knew Alice witnessed a dedicated Christian who loved and served our Lord and did all such good works as God had intended.

Cyndy Gallenthin, Outreach
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Faure Requiem in D minor Op. 48

June 9th at 4 PM

Mrs. Cristin Introcaso, conductor
Mr. Sheldon F. Eldridge, Jr., organist

First United Methodist Church of Collingswood
201 Dayton Avenue
Collingswood, New Jersey 08108

*Those of our Parish singing
in the community chorale:*
John Lyden, Matt Baldwin,
Cheryl Rheiner, John Burrows,
Melinda Burrows, and
Dee Ballistreri

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Parish Service Schedule

Sunday:

8:00 AM

Holy Eucharist

10:00 AM

Choral Eucharist

Sunday School: Pre-K through 12th Grade
First Holy Communion Instruction
Adult Forum

Wednesday:

10:00 AM

Holy Eucharist with rite of Healing

Thursday:

6:00 PM

Holy Eucharist

Friday:

5:00 PM

Evening Prayer

*The Sacrament of Confession and Reconciliation
is available by appointment.*



Thank you to all the volunteers who put together the newsletter for mailing. This entire project (every two months) is accomplished by **Helen Gwalthney, Judy Fulgham, Linda Rowe, Judy Giffear-Pile, John Preole, and Paul Goldy.**

Would you like to help out?

Our Friday folders were: **Barbara Banff, Rosemary Carrigan, Judy Giffear-Pile, Helen Gwalthney, Carol Hill, Darcie Sanchez, and Linda Rowe.**

Please give me a call if I can add you to the list of office volunteers.

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Volunteer Coordinator
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The Very Reverend Father
Brian K. Burgess,
Dean and Rector

The Reverend Dr.
John E. Bird
Retired

The Reverend Canon
William V. Rauscher
Retired

The Reverend Father
Robert E. Sullivan,
Retired

Parish Musicians

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Organist and Choirmaster

Mr. George T. Mitchell, Jr.
Assistant Organist

Mr. Richard W. Kurtz
Organist and Choirmaster, Retired

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Mrs. Mariana Torres
Parish Sexton

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Mrs. Sandra Sutton
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