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Blessing of your home

Bring the Lord's blessing upon your home and your life in it through a blessing of your house by The Reverend Philip Carr-Jones.

Your home blessing can be as elaborate or as simple as you prefer. Whether simple or more extensive, the service will be an elegant and moving one. Your home blessing is also a perfect opportunity to invite family, friends, neighbors and others who might not have a church home and whose experience of this grace-filled event would be a wonderful introduction to our community of faith.

Schedule your 2009 house blessing by contacting the church office at 236-6301 or admin@churchholyspirit.org.

MARDI GRAS PANCAKE SUPPER

Tuesday, February 24th 5-7 p.m.



The menu will include pancakes, sausage and fruit. Drinks will include juice, milk and coffee.

Cost for this festive event is \$5 for children under 12 and \$10 for adults.

All proceeds will go toward Youth Group events, including the upcoming annual Ski Trip.

Please give our young people your support and come enjoy the food and fellowship. And no dirty dishes for you to clean up afterwards!

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Church FAQs: Worship Activities for Lent

The focus for the Lenten season should be to know God and to have Him in our daily life. There are several activities planned for this Lenten season that may help us hear more clearly what God is saying to us. This list of devotional activities is provided so you can plan now to attend as many as possible.

- **Ash Wednesday services** on February 25th for Imposition of Ashes and Eucharist. See the service schedule on the calendar on page 5.
- **Wednesdays in Lent - Soup Suppers** at 6:30 p.m. beginning March 4th and discussion led by the nuns from The Community of St. John the Baptist, Mendham.
- **Quiet Day** on Saturday, March 28th - A day for quiet meditation, prayer and reflection focusing on Acceptance, Vulnerability and Expectation. See the poster in the Narthex and watch for more information in the March Trumpeter.
- **Instructed Eucharist** on the 3rd Sunday of Lent, March 15th.
- **Palm Sunday services** on April 5th with blessing and distribution of palms and reading of the Passion Gospel by members of the congregation.
- **Seder and Maundy Thursday services** on April 9th with stripping of the altar and prayer vigil to follow.
- **Good Friday Service Day** in the community and a meditation service by the Confirmands in the evening.

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From the Rector's Desk

I will make no window into any man's soul. Queen Elizabeth was prompted to repel the request to determine another person's motives. We often fall prey to this temptation. You did that because.... fill in the blank. You say that because..... We attribute motivation to others while barely knowing our own. The need to attribute motive is always suspect, mostly unhealthy, often wrong, usually impartial, wholly arrogant and thoroughly un-Christian. The only one who knows another person's heart is God. In truth, the only one who knows our own heart is God. We don't even know all there is to know of our own motives. When we pray the Collect for Purity each Sunday, we say, "In whom no secrets are hid," which identifies secrets that are even hidden from ourselves. Attributing motive is an act of aggression, ultimately. I vault over you if I can assign your meanings and purpose a label. It is an easy malignment to make in our bustling, competitive world. But why do it at all? Why not turn it around and try consciously seeking to make positive attributions: You must be trying to love them because you said..... What are the good intentions? Name them. The Road to Heaven is paved with good intention, after all. It is who Christians are: trying, attempting, practicing their faith. It is all about good motives then and we'd do better to seek them in others rather than the usual suspicions.



Philip +

Vermont Ski Trip

February 20, 21, 22



Trip Includes:

- Round trip motor coach transportation
- Two night accommodations at Northern Lights Inn
- Two breakfasts and one dinner
- Two day ski pass to Stowe
- Access to indoor swimming pool and whirlpool
- Great time with great friends!!

NOT Included:

- Lunches
- Dinners en route
- Rentals at \$34 for youth & \$42 for adults
- Lessons

Cost per person: \$275.00

Invite Friends!!!!

- Depart from CHS on February 20 at 2:00 p.m.
- Return to CHS on February 22 at 11:30 p.m.

Payment is due NOW to the Church Office. Make checks out to **Church of the Holy Spirit** with **Ski Trip** indicated on Memo line.

Questions? Call Anne Simpson at 832-7494.

ANNUAL SPRING BENEFIT & AUCTION

Saturday, April 25th 6:30 p.m.
Beaver Brook Country Club



Our Spring Auction is rapidly approaching! We are currently collecting auction items, so please remember this event the next time you shop. A collection area is located in the Narthex. If you are unsure of what would be appropriate, please consider some of last year's wonderful items: Theme Baskets, Vacation Getaways and Merchandise/Services/Gift Certificates from local businesses & parishioners. We will also be requesting that each Sunday School class gather items to create class specific baskets. Tickets (\$40 each) will be available for purchase between/after services & online beginning February 22nd.

Much time and talent is needed to make our primary fundraiser a success. Please prayerfully consider which committee you can join and what talent/skill you can "sell" for the 2009 auction.

Catalog advertising space is also available. Detailed event information will be sent out in early February. Please contact Audrey Imhoff: (908)284-2523 audrey_imhoff@comcast.net Sharon Tanzler (908)537-7580 smtanzler@earthlink.net or Jane Paradiso (908)788-7758 janeparadiso@yahoo.com to join the auction team.

Lent

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- The **Great Vigil of Easter** on Saturday, April 11th—the first service of Resurrection following the Passion of our Lord—this is the oldest and most sacred service of the Christian year.
- **Easter Day** services of Resurrection at 8 a.m. and 10:15 a.m.

Marge Keller

From the Deacon's Corner



Dear Seekers,

Each day brings us a new gift.....the present. Thank goodness!

Big news occurred in our family over the Christmas holiday. Our eldest daughter, Karin and her fiancé Eric, set their wedding date for June 6, 2009. In anticipation of the busy months ahead, I am reaching out to the CHS parishioners to seek assistance with some church projects that will be part of my life as I simultaneously plan for the wedding. The projects include:

- The raffle of the blanket made by the women at Edna Mahan
- The Washington, D.C. trip
- The "Got Change" fundraiser

I thank you for your consideration in this matter. If any of these projects interest you, please contact me at 399-4170 or deaconjb@gmail.com.

I faithfully remain your Deacon,

Johnine

Acolyte Training & Overnight

Friday, February 27th 6 p.m.– Saturday, February 28th 8 a.m.

We will be holding our annual acolyte overnight for all current acolytes, LEMs and anyone in the 3rd grade or above who wish to be a part of this lay ministry. Pizza will be served and training will follow in the church. Participants should bring a sleeping bag, games or DVDs and a snack to share.

Please contact Jeff Decker with any questions: 713-9273.

* ANNOUNCEMENTS *

Attention all committee chairpersons and event organizers: In an effort to keep the number and length of announcements at the end of the services to a respectable interval, we are requesting that you have all notices to the office by Thursday morning for inclusion in the weekly bulletin. Please indicate the dates that you want your notice to start and end in the publication. Any announcements that need to be made during the service should be clearly written out for Father Philip and Deacon Johnine to present on behalf of your committee or event.

Cristo Rey News

Seeking Volunteers!



Make the Cristo Rey Ministry part of your New Year's Resolutions. Become involved in this wonderful ministry. We need parish member participation to continue this mission in the future, specifically to visit Cristo Rey in March, May and June.

Please contact Heather Kramer 391-6464 or Jerilyn Lenox: alexian8@embarqmail.com, if you are available.

February Food Pantry

Let's stock the pantry! February will be a canned goods drive.

Starting with Breakfast on Sunday, February 1st, please make donations of canned foods: soups, beans, tomatoes, vegetables, fruits. Place your bags of groceries in the wicker baskets in the Narthex. Take advantage of canned goods sales and any coupons received to help us fill those baskets.

The Food Pantries are also in need of volunteers. If you have an hour or two you can spare, please contact your nearest pantry to see how you can help.

Marge Keller

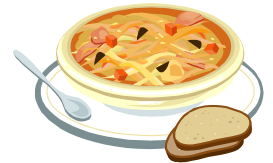
WORDS FROM OUR SENIOR WARDEN

As I write this article, our Annual Meeting and Vestry Retreat have not yet occurred. However, through past discussions I know that your vestry is anxious to broaden the outreach programs this year. CHS has done wonderful work every year with the Giving Tree and Easter Basket collections. In addition, this past year we gave \$3,000 from our auction proceeds to benefit the Interfaith Hospitality Network in Hunterdon County.

We can do more! As we all have had to adjust our household operations due to the economy, there are many organizations that have had to cut services due to financial strains. Locally, we have many outstanding organizations that could use our assistance. We do not have to focus on one group. The Good News Home for Women, the Hunterdon YMCA, the Food Pantries, the Interfaith Hospitality Network, Habitat for Humanity, and our own next door neighbors could benefit from the gifts we have at CHS. The vestry is looking for your input and support.

Elizabeth vanVeldhuisen
Senior Warden

FEED A FAMILY FOR A DAY!



Sunday, March 1st will be the kick-off for the **CHS Feed a Family for a Day** to benefit the food pantry. Since this is our yearly service program involving our teens and younger parishioners (with the help of their parents), I will be visiting the Sunday School classes to explain and distribute bags as I did last year. The bags will also be available in the Narthex. We hope that parents will take your son or daughter shopping for groceries. It is very important that your child (teenager) shops with you so they are aware of the needs of others. Last year, CHS collected more than 900 pounds of food which was gratefully received by the food pantry. This year, our help is needed even more!

Thank you in advance for your help with this endeavor. We know that your generosity is responsible for the food we collect!

Sharon Wood

Washington, D.C. Trip Update

Friday, March 27th - Saturday, March 28th

Join me to hear Elizabeth Gilbert present a workshop entitled, "Divine Sanity: Thoughts on Creative Life". The workshop will take place in the National Cathedral on Friday evening at 8 p.m. The cost will be \$22 for adults and \$16 for students and seniors.

We will be staying at the Savoy Suites on Wisconsin Avenue, very near the Cathedral. The cost per room with two double beds will be \$139, plus tax. The final cost per person/double occupancy will be \$79.57. I have reserved 12 rooms. The hotel has complimentary Wi-Fi as well as a parking garage. There is a restaurant on site which serves breakfast, lunch and dinner. I will be making arrangements to have a tour of the Cathedral for early Saturday morning. The cost will be \$5.

If you are interested in joining this group, please make your check out to Church of the Holy Spirit and I will issue one check to pay the hotel bill.

For more information you may visit the following websites:

- SavoySuites.com
- NationalCathedral.org

Johnine Byrer



February 2009



Church of the Holy Spirit Monthly Planner

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 BREAKFAST between Services Food Pantry Donations Super Bowl Food Sale between services Blessings of Birthdays & Anniversaries 8&10:15am Holy Eucharist 9:15am Sunday School 9:45 & 11:35am Choir 1:30pm Mini-Disciples Rock Climbing	2 1-3pm Shawl Ministry at Edna Mahan Prison 7pm Knit & Chat	3 6am Bible Study @ Spinning Wheel Diner 1-3pm Shawl Ministry at Edna Mahan Prison	4 12 noon Eucharist 12:30pm Staff Mtg 6:30pm Jr. Choir Rehearsal	5 4pm Somerset Co Jail Ministry 7:30pm Trinity Chorale Rehearsal	6 Father Philip's Sabbath	7
8 8&10:15am Holy Eucharist 9:15am Sunday School 9:45am Choir 3pm Hospice Benefit Concert 7pm Blues Service	9 1-3pm Shawl Ministry at Edna Mahan Prison	10 6am Bible Study @ Spinning Wheel Diner 1-3pm Shawl Ministry at Edna Mahan Prison 4pm Communion Class 7:30pm Vestry Meeting	11 12 noon Eucharist 6pm Edna Mahan Prison Ministry 6:30pm Jr. Choir Rehearsal	12 4pm Somerset Co Jail Ministry 7:30pm Trinity Chorale Rehearsal	13 Father Philip's Sabbath	14 VALENTINE'S DAY
15 8&10:15am Holy Eucharist 9am Ministry Planning Mtg 9am Confirmation Class Mission to Cristo Rey 9:15am Sunday School 9:45 & 11:35am Choir 6-8pm Sr. High Youth Group Dinner Meeting	16 PRESIDENTS DAY 1-3pm Shawl Ministry at Edna Mahan Prison 7pm Knit & Chat Office Closed	17 6am Bible Study @ Spinning Wheel Diner 1-3pm Shawl Ministry at Edna Mahan Prison 4pm Communion Class	18 12 noon Eucharist 6:30pm Jr. Choir Rehearsal	19 4pm Somerset Co Jail Ministry 7:30pm Trinity Chorale Rehearsal	20 Father Philip's Sabbath Vermont Ski Trip	21 10am Daughters of the King
22 Healing Service after both Services 8&10:15am Holy Eucharist 9:15am Sunday School 9:45 & 11:35am Choir Vermont Ski Trip	23 1-3pm Shawl Ministry at Edna Mahan Prison	24 SHROVE TUESDAY 6am Bible Study @ Spinning Wheel Diner 1-3pm Shawl Ministry at Edna Mahan Prison 4pm Communion Class 5pm Pancake Supper	25 ASH WEDNESDAY Services at 7am, 12 noon, 4pm, 7:30pm 6:30pm Jr. Choir Rehearsal	26 4pm Somerset Co Jail Ministry 7:30pm Trinity Chorale Rehearsal	27 Father Philip's Sabbath Diocesan Convention in Wildwood, NJ Acolyte Overnight	28

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER....

- March 7 - Chili Cook-off
- March 27 & 28 - Visit Washington, D.C.
- March 28 - Lenten Meditations
- April 25 - Annual Spring Benefit & Auction

The Mission of the Church of the Holy Spirit is to know Christ as we serve others, proclaim His love, and grow in His Spirit.

YOUTH HAPPENINGS

Senior High



Super Bowl Food Sale

Sunday, February 1st

The food sale will take place between services and after the 10:15 a.m. service. Proceeds will help fund the ski trip to Stowe.

Youth Group Meeting

Sunday, February 15th 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Ski Trip to Stowe

Friday, February 20th - 22nd

See the article on page 2 for details. Invite friends!

Serve at the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner

Tuesday, February 24th

Teens need to arrive by 4 p.m. for set-up and to prepare.

Anne Simpson

Mini-Disciples

Rock Climbing

North Summit Climbing Center

Wind Gap, Pa.

Sunday, February 1st 1:30 p.m.–3:45 p.m.



- Website: www.northsummitclimbing.com
- Cost: \$14 - \$15 per climber
- Wear sneakers or rent climbing shoes for \$4
- Bring extra money for a McDonald's lunch
- Depart after the 10:15 service
- Volunteers are needed to bring snacks/drinks

Feel free to invite friends.

We hope to see you there!

If you have any questions, please contact Andra Taylor at (908) 735-4776 or patmets@aol.com.

HOLY SPIRIT HIKERS

Join this New Group!

First Hike – Sunday, February 8th

Merrill Creek Reservoir Perimeter Trail (between Phillipsburg & Washington)



Holy Spirit Hikers is a new hiking club just forming at CHS that is open to anyone who wants to enjoy our beautiful outdoors and easy conversation. We plan to hike on Sunday afternoons, once per month. In the beginning, the hikes will be relatively close by and will expand depending upon the interest of the club members.

For our first hike, all hikers should gather at CHS by 12:45 p.m. We will leave the church parking lot via carpools no later than 1 p.m., weather permitting. Bring friends!

If you are interested, please contact:

Jane Roxbury (908) 614-8703 roxbury.jane@gmail.com

or Janet Wulster (908) 217-7950 jwulster@gmail.com

or feel free to just show up for our first hike.

LOCATION DESCRIPTION

PERIMETER TRAIL (Black Markers) – 5.5 miles

This trail provides access to the Reservoir's shoreline and offers many scenic views and a variety of habitats. While most of the trail follows old wooded roads and provides easy walking, hikers should note that there are a few rocky areas. Access to the Perimeter Trail is provided at the Visitors Center, Boat Ramp, Overlook Parking Lot, and Inlet/Outlet Tower.

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The Brotherhood of Saint Andrew



Eight men of the parish met on a snowy morning last month and formed the newest chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew. The group is being organized around social as well as project-oriented activities that involve the parish and local community. Arden Olson was elected Director and David Imhoff elected Associate Director.

Our meetings will be scheduled on a regular monthly basis. We decided to hold off formerly announcing the formation to the National Organization until after the next meeting. All men of the parish are encouraged to join us for fun and fellowship.

Jim Keller

Mass in Blue

February 8th 7 p.m.



Music by the Holy Spirit Blues Band, a new group of teens, members and friends of CHS.

A Holy Communion like you've never experienced before!

Bring friends! Bring an instrument for an open jam that follows. Bring an open spirit.

Invitation for Grant Writers

There are a number of charitable foundations which specifically fund church outreach ministries. I have come across many of them in my doctoral research and also at my brother-in-law's autism center. With a commitment from volunteers for a few hours each month, we might be able to fund expanded outreach in meaningful ways. Volunteers should have a facility with the written word, be focused on completing detailed tasks, have a heart for God's Kingdom and don't mind working with me directly. We would meet to orient, but then do most work separately from our homes or offices. I need a core group of three to join me in this task in order to make a go of it. If you feel an interest in this, please email me at Philip@churchholyspirit.org

Got Change, Help Our Ministries Grow



Very soon we will be collecting spare change in a container in the Narthex. The proceeds will go to help fund our outreach ministries.

Please contact Deacon Johnine if you would like to help with this endeavor at 399-4170 or deaconjb@gmail.com.

Sunday Culinary Delights



Many thanks to our January chefs: Marge and Jim Keller, Elizabeth vanVeldhuisen and Anita Zinevich.

It's never too late to sign up to help. Strength and teamwork come in numbers. Happy eating!

Contact Carol Crawford-Jones with any questions at carolcj@prolog.net.

PULSE OF THE PARISH

Welcome to the following families who have been worshipping with us recently:

- Chris and Ken Burd of Middlesex, NJ
- Joe Heary and Susan Kirkland of Whitehouse Station

Heartfelt Sympathy to the Scott Family on the death of Mary's 91 year old mother, Alice Ward, on January 16th. May light perpetual shine upon her.

Barbara Burton



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