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Thanks for Making the Spring Benefit Auction a Success

A big thank you to all the supporters of the CHS Annual Spring Benefit Auction held at the Beaver Brook Country Club on Saturday, April 25. For this year's event, over 116 tickets were sold, and even more individual and group donors than last year contributed to both the live and silent auctions! Everyone's generosity helped make the benefit auction a success. This event would not have been possible without the generous help and support of the congregation and its friends.

The financial contribution to our ministries was over \$24,000! As a result of the Benefit Auction, CHS will make a donation to the Flemington Food Pantry and High Bridge Open Cupboard. Congratulations to Joanne Warnowicz for winning the raffle of the blanket made by women at Edna Mahan, and to Audrey Imhoff for winning the 50/50 raffle prize!

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Confirmation Celebration

Sunday, June 14th 10:15 a.m. Service

Confirmation for the following 11 students will be celebrated by the Right Rev. George E. Councill, the 11th **Bishop** of New Jersey.

The Confirmation Class of 2009 & Sponsors

Zach Bennedsen (Sandy Burton)
 Lucas Corcodilos (Don Byrer)
 Brian Decker (Gary Scott)
 Caitlin Fortunato (Sally Bird)
 Matthew Fortunato (Howard Bird)
 David Marcella (Jane Paradiso)
 Michael Middleton (Susan Rivers)
 Aaron Murray (John Rivers)
 Daniel Nardi (Jean Wallace)
 Madison Rolls (Kimberly Borin)
 Sabrina Shallo (Barbara Burton)

Please join them in sharing this very special time as they declare before their faith community that they want to follow

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Church FAQs: *What do we need to know about the Office of the Bishop?*

Our Bishop, George E. Councill, is the eleventh Bishop of New Jersey having been consecrated (ordained) on October 18, 2003. At his consecration, he became the latest bishop of the Holy Catholic Church whose line of historical lineage or secession stretches back to Jesus' Apostles. The term "Bishop" comes from the Greek word *episkopos* that means one who is "over-seeing" and, while not explicitly commissioned by Jesus as far as the Gospels tell, was an office in use at least during the first and second centuries. Some scholars maintain that the structure and position of Bishop or Overseer of the Church was present from the beginning, being a direct institution by Jesus, referring to the apostles who clearly led the first local churches, governed and laid hands on the clergy and faithful.

In the Acts of the Apostles, *episkopoi* are mentioned as being "shepherds of the flock" referring to the bishop leading the local congregation. In time, as the Christian movement grew, the bishop changed from being the leader of a single church to being the leader of many churches in a larger geographical area (Diocese).

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From the Rector's Desk



I want to play golf...but I don't know how. I go out there on occasion. I've taken lessons. Trying hard, applying techniques, having the right-sized equipment and focusing all have helped a bit. But as Joe Pinto once observed when he saw me excavating a long divot with a five iron, "Geez Phil, you could of skinned the back side of a skunk with that shot." Joe was being kind. We want to do lots of things but there are just some things that desire and will can't conjure up...a decent golf game for one. There are other and more profound examples, the kinds of things we want but don't get that really impact the kind of lives we lead far more meaningfully than an expensive and time-consuming sport which simply spoils a good walk.

Jim Collins wrote a bestselling business book called, Good to Great: Why Some Companies Make the Leap and Others Don't. He quickly needed to add a lengthy addendum called, For the Social Sector. He recognized that in the non-profit world, there is no rational or logical relationship between quality and outcome. The Cleveland Symphony can improve to the point of performing the best in the world but this will not necessarily translate into greater attendance or financial support. This is particularly true in faith communities. I have listened to other clergy, other Bishops, other denominational leaders speak about their own experiences of Church, but there is something uniquely loving, merciful, gracious, tender, strong, compassionate and thoughtful about Church of the Holy Spirit. There is no rational connection between this and the modest number of people claiming us as their spiritual home. I want us to grow in this way, but that outcome is not in our control.

I am praying that my priesting is different than my golfing and that in time, the unique quality of who we are translates into an attractive call for others to join us in mission and worship. While the outcome is not ours to control, the continuing quality of our spiritual lives together is: loving, merciful, gracious, tender, strong, compassionate and thoughtful. We can do more of this as the Spirit wills. As Wesley said, "Catch on fire for God and others will come and watch you burn."

Philip +

Office of the Bishop

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As such, they ordained a person as a *presbyter* or priest or a Deacon to function in the bishop's name in each of the local churches. Thus, in addition to being the "shepherd" of the Diocese, the bishop became the Chief Pastor of the clergy and laity with responsibility to administer the work of the diocese, encourage collegial participation among the clergy and appoint lay people to positions that require secular expertise. The Bishop is required by Canon Law to visit the churches in his diocese on a regular basis and he or his assistant bishop are responsible for the Confirmation of young people and adults into the church.

The symbols that are peculiar to the Bishop are:

- The Crosier or Pastoral Staff (Shepherd's Crook) that signifies that the Bishop is "the Shepherd"
- The Episcopal Ring, a symbol of the Bishop's authority
- The Pectoral Cross that reminds the Bishop about the obligation to those under the Bishop's charge
- The vestments (including the pointed hat called a mitre) that differ from that of other clergy.

Jim Keller

Confirmation

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Jesus Christ and his teachings. It is our obligation and great privilege to ensure that they are surrounded by our love and our nurture. A special thank you goes out to all of the Confirmers' sponsors.

The students, listed above along with their sponsors, have served others in Christ's name at:

- Cristo Rey (Trenton)
- The Frenchtown Manor
- And for various citizens in need

They also attended Mass at our Cathedral in Trenton and a weekend motivational Spring Youth Event at the Baptist Camp in Lebanon. Many of these young people have given many more hours of service than required.

During the class time on Sunday morning they learned more about the Bible, the Book of Common Prayer, the Sacrament of Confirmation, the Holy Spirit, the life of Jesus and personal traits as they apply to making decisions in life. Each student asked extremely thoughtful questions and expressed honest doubts. They also led the parishioners of CHS in prayer and created powerful meditations for the Good Friday night service.

Johnine Byrer

From the Deacon's Corner



Dear Seekers,

It has been a real joy for me to travel the path with our soon to be confirmed youth. These 11 young people truly give me hope for the future. I especially like the fact that they did not take all instruction at face value; *they questioned*. They came together as a group, interacting and helping each other while serving those less fortunate in the community. They have grown in immeasurable ways.

My hope is that our time together will be just a beginning of their faith walk with God. As a community of faith, we at the Church of the Holy Spirit have a great obligation to continue that walk with them.

- We must seek them out
 - We must include them at every opportunity
 - We must celebrate their accomplishments
- It will truly be a privilege to continue that walk.

We thank everyone on the team for their efforts. Pat Egan and Arden Olson helped in boundless ways to ensure that each young person was taught, nourished and celebrated. A special thank you goes out to all those committed sponsors who have assisted our youth. Our hope is that these relationships continue to grow. The parents of these teens should also be complimented for their involvement and commitment to helping nurture such wonderful people.

Let us all come together on June 14th at the 10:15 a.m. service and CELEBRATE our youth.

I faithfully remain your Deacon,

Johnine

MINISTRIES FAIR

June 7th 9 – 11:30 a.m.

There are a wealth of opportunities for you to offer your time and talent for the good of our church community and the ministries we support. Come to the ministries fair that will be held in the CHS Parish Hall and learn more about the ministries we support. Attend the Ministries Fair in the CHS Parish Hall to learn more about

Youth

Sunday School Teachers
Acolytes
Youth Group
Mini-Disciples
Children's Chapel
Vacation Bible School

Sunday Service

Readers
Ushers
Altar Guild
Choir
Greeters
Breakfast Sunday

Outreach Ministries

Shawl Ministry
Frenchtown Manor
Prison Ministry
Pastoral Care

Other

Brotherhood of St. Andrew
Property Quilt
Finance Committee

God asks us to be stewards of his gifts to us. Everything we have and everything we are is a gift from God. Please share your gifts with us.

Katie Gnash
Vestry-Stewardship

Auction Photos

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WORDS FROM OUR SENIOR WARDEN

I was sent this story via email. It made an impression on me, and I think the message is worth sharing with all of you.

THE BRICK

A young successful executive was traveling down a neighborhood street, going a bit too fast in his new Jaguar. He was watching for kids darting out from between parked cars and slowed down when he thought he saw something.

As his car passed, no children appeared. Instead, a brick smashed into the Jag's side door! He slammed on the brakes and backed the Jag back to the spot where the brick had been thrown.

The angry driver jumped out of the car, grabbed the nearest kid and pushed him up against a parked car shouting, "What was that all about? Just what the heck are you doing? That's a new car and that brick you threw is going to cost a lot of money. Why did you do it?"

The young boy was apologetic. "Please, mister...please, I'm sorry but I didn't know what else to do. I threw the brick because no one else would stop.." With tears dripping down his face and off his chin, the youth pointed to a spot just around the parked car. "It's my brother, he rolled off the curb and fell out of his wheelchair and I can't lift him up. Would you please help me get him back into his wheelchair? He's hurt and too heavy for me."

Moved beyond words, the driver lifted the handicapped boy back into the wheelchair. "Thank you and may God bless you," the grateful child told the stranger.

It was a long, slow walk back to the Jaguar. The damage was noticeable, but the driver never bothered to repair the dented side door. He kept the dent there to remind him of this message: "Don't go through life so fast that someone has to throw a brick at you to get your attention!" God whispers in our souls and speaks to our hearts. Sometimes when we don't have time to listen, He has to throw a brick at us. It's our choice to listen or not.

A final thought: If God had a refrigerator, your picture would be on it. If He had a wallet, your photo would be in it. He sends you flowers every spring. He sends you a sunrise every morning. Face it friend, He is crazy about you!

God didn't promise days without pain, laughter without sorrow, sun without rain, but He did promise strength for the day, comfort for the tears, and light for the way. If God brings you to it, He will bring you through it.

Elizabeth vanVeldhuisen
Senior Warden

Food Pantry Donations

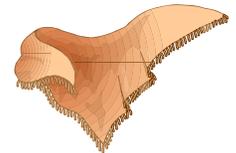


...YOU can help!

We need donations of all types of food and paper products this summer. Hunger does not take a vacation.

Marge Keller

Shawl Requests



Shawls may be requested for anyone in need. Needs may include a death, a trying time, an operation, a divorce or a happy celebration.

Over the last three months, with the help of the women at the Edna Mahan Correctional Facility, we have created almost 70 shawls. Let us give God all the praise and glory!

To request a shawl, contact Deacon Johnine Byrer at (908) 399-4170 or deaconjb@gmail.com.



June 2009



Church of the Holy Spirit Monthly Planner

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 1-3pm Shawl Ministry at Edna Mahan Prison 7pm Knit & Chat	2 6am Bible Study @ Spinning Wheel Diner 1-3pm Shawl Ministry at Edna Mahan Prison	3 12 noon Eucharist 6:30pm Jr. Choir Rehearsal 7pm Calendar Planning Meeting	4 4pm Somerset Co Jail Ministry	5 Father Philip's Sabbath	6
7 BREAKFAST between services to support Sr. High Mission Trip Ministries Fair between services Blessings of Birthdays & Anniversaries 8&10:15am Holy Eucharist 10:15am Sunday School Teacher Appreciation 9:15am Sunday School 9:45 & 11:35am Choir Rehearsal	8 1-3pm Shawl Ministry at Edna Mahan Prison 7pm Knit & Chat	9 6am Bible Study @ Spinning Wheel Diner 1-3pm Shawl Ministry at Edna Mahan Prison 7:30pm Vestry Meeting	10 12 noon Eucharist 6:30pm Junior Choir Party	11 4pm Somerset Co Jail Ministry	12 Father Philip's Sabbath	13
14 FLAG DAY 8&10:15am Holy Eucharist 10:15am Confirmation & Bishop's Visitation 9:45 & 11:35am Choir Rehearsal	15 1-3pm Shawl Ministry at Edna Mahan Prison 7pm Knit & Chat	16 6am Bible Study @ Spinning Wheel Diner 1-3pm Shawl Ministry at Edna Mahan Prison 7-9pm Rector's Evening Office Hours	17 12 noon Eucharist	18 4pm Somerset Co Jail Ministry	19 Father Philip's Sabbath	20 10am Daughters of the King
21 FATHER'S DAY SUMMER BEGINS 8&10:15am Holy Eucharist & Graduates Blessing 9am Ministry Planning Mtg 9am Mission to Cristo Rey	22 1-3pm Shawl Ministry at Edna Mahan Prison 7pm Knit & Chat	23 6am Bible Study @ Spinning Wheel Diner 1-3pm Shawl Ministry at Edna Mahan Prison 7-9pm Rector's Evening Office Hours	24 12 noon Eucharist	25 4pm Somerset Co Jail Ministry	26 Father Philip's Sabbath	27
28 Healing Service after both Services 8&10:15am Holy Eucharist 11:30-12:30 Newcomers Brunch	29 1-3pm Shawl Ministry at Edna Mahan Prison 7pm Knit & Chat	30 6am Bible Study @ Spinning Wheel Diner 1-3pm Shawl Ministry at Edna Mahan Prison 7-9pm Rector's Evening Office Hours	31 12 noon Eucharist			

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER....

July 25 - August 1 - Sr. High Gulf Coast Mission Trip

September 15 - Women Making It Happen

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.

WOMEN MAKING IT HAPPEN

FIRST MEETING: TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15TH – PARISH HALL

How would you like to share a meal with other women of the parish for the pure fellowship of the moment and provide funding for outreach beyond our four walls at the same time? This is the mission of **women making it happen**, a group kicking off in the fall that will meet once a month to break bread, chat and raise money. It sounds easy because it is easy. Each guest at this party will bring food/wine to share along with a donation equal to what would have been spent on a meal in a restaurant (this is not dues and no minimum amount will be set—each as she is able to give) to be used to help those in our community who are in need of some financial assistance.

The plan is to put more emphasis on the treasure portion of outreach-christian service, something that has been under funded for many years and reasons. We have done a more than credible job of using our time and talent through the Good Friday service day, Cristo Rey, prison, shawl and Frenchtown Manor ministries. The focus of **women making it happen** is to provide the money to facilitate these and other as yet unimagined projects. Think about this: if we have just 20 women who contribute an average of \$20, between September and June we can create \$4000 worth of opportunities. This is the power of **women making it happen**.

To provide an opportunity for all women to participate, we have set the meeting date as the 15th of each month so the day becomes a movable feast. Some meetings will be in the evening, some daytime, depending on the day of the week (Saturday and Sunday may be lunch or brunch rather than dinner meetings). Mark your calendars now so you don't miss a single moment.

This endeavor has the blessing of our Vestry and the women who have become the formative core are very excited about the possibilities. If you would like to express your ideas or to find out more, speak to any of the following: Marge Keller, Johnine Byrer, Judy Cahall, Cecile Bulcha, Katie Gnash or Pat Egan. Watch for more details in the fall edition of the Trumpeter.

Marge Keller

Support the Senior High Mission Trip

Sunday, June 7th

The Senior High will be hosting the June Breakfast Sunday to raise funds for the Summer Mission Trip to Mississippi. During our Good Friday work day at Cristo Rey, we spoke with Father Pozo and some of the youth about joining our group in Mississippi. We would like to sponsor a teen (or two), so please come out for breakfast. So far, four of our teens: Chris Guns, Caitlin Fortunato, Justin Marinelli and Caroline Southwick have registered to travel to Camp Coast Care in Long Beach, Mississippi. They will work along-side other youth from our diocese and community residents to rebuild housing destroyed by Hurricane Katrina.

If you are interested in attending this mission trip, please contact Anne Simpson at aesimpson2000@yahoo.com or www.newjersey.angelican.org. You must be between 16 years old and a graduating senior to attend. Save \$50 if you register by June 1st!

A special note to the teen breakfast volunteers: Please arrive at 8 a.m. for set-up and check for a text message from Bailey regarding food assignments. The breakfast will be immediately followed by a beach trip to Spring Lake. Bring towels, **sunscreen**, a bagged lunch or money for lunch at the concession stand, plus \$6.00 for a beach pass. Adult drivers needed.

Anne Simpson

Saturday Service

ANY INTEREST??

Some have expressed interest in a Saturday, early evening service. I am in support of this provided we have a congregation for it, or are willing to invest in developing a new one.

I need to shepherd my most precious resource: *time*. So here's the deal: If we can find "critical Mass" I'll do this with great joy. This means we need a commitment to come more often than we'd miss. I think a base would be about ten families for a start. We would probably begin in September.

If you think you are one of those, given the sports calendar and other activities that prevent you from attending Sunday morning, then please notify our Worship Coordinator, Marge Keller at marge.keller@comcast.net

Father Philip

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Sunday School

A Thank You To All!

As the Sunday School year winds down, I wanted to take a moment to thank everyone who volunteered his/her time to help our children in Sunday School. I had a chance to visit the classes and the children were always smiling and enjoying their time. Our children are so very special and it means a great deal to them and to their parents when you extend your time and open your hearts to them to help them grow.

If you were unable to volunteer this year, please remember us next year! We would love to have you as part of our Sunday School team.

Amy Carreno
Director of Sunday School

Sunday Culinary Delights



Many thanks to our May chefs: The Tanzler girls with Jane Paradiso providing necessary assistance.

Our breakfast volunteers donate time, talent and money for the culinary treats they provide to us. Please consider placing a donation in the small basket provided. We would like to offer some compensation for their efforts.

Thank you,

Carol Crawford-Jones

PULSE OF THE PARISH

Welcome to the following persons who have worshipped with us recently:

- Rose Marie Steciw of Califon who is looking for a "new home"
- Philip Sky VanNess of Annandale whose parents, Eugene and Marge VanNess, were instrumental in the early formation and development of The Church of the Holy Spirit in the 1960's and early 1970's

Best Wishes to Anna Maria Mannino and Captain Jonathan Gable White of the United States Marine Corps who were joined in Holy Matrimony on Saturday, May 9th at the Washington National Cathedral in Washington, D.C. Anna is the daughter of our friend and parishioner Annie Mannino.

Congratulations to all Holy Spirit young adults who have or will be graduating from college this spring including:

- Julianne Bierwirth – from Carnegie Mellon University
- Brook Bulcha – from Northwestern University
- Casey Carr-Jones – from Bucknell University
- Rachel Karslo – from Westchester State College
- Michelle Paragone – from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
- Steven Wilson – from McDaniel College, Maryland

And to any others who we may have missed, our apologies and best wishes!

Sincere Sympathy to the Lukens family on the death of Deb's father, Henry Pitera, on April 28th. May the dear departed rest in peace and may light perpetual shine upon him.

Barbara Burton



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