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Church of the Holy Spirit

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Invite a Friend Sunday Sunday, November 2

Our big day is here! Don't forget to invite a friend to join you on **Sunday, November 2** for **Invite a Friend Sunday**. This is a great opportunity for them to participate in our worship service and get to know our church.

The schedule for Sunday, November 2 is:

- 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
- 9:15 a.m. Sunday School for Children
Breakfast & Fellowship for Adults
- 10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Please prayerfully consider inviting a friend who would benefit from the things that make our church so unique and who may have talents to offer.

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Ye Olde Church of the Holy Spirit Holiday Shoppe



Do your holiday shopping at CHS! Our Holiday Shoppe will feature handmade ornaments, gifts and crafts. Linda Schroeder will be available to take orders for personalized hand-painted Christmas Balls, perfect for teachers' gifts or for that special someone. Order a decorated wreath from our lovely display. All wreaths will be decorated by our Senior Youth Group.

The Shoppe will be open Sunday, November 23rd between services and after the 10:15 a.m. service. The following two Sundays, November 30 and December 7, the shop will be open to pick up ordered items. Be sure to take home baked goods on the last open Sunday, December 7th.

Anyone interested in making a craft, please call Julie Warren at 713-9418 or Marge Keller at 713-0724. Dates for creating crafts will be announced throughout the month. Please join us!

Church FAQs:

How many parts are there in the service of Holy Eucharist?

The Mass has two parts: the first part is the **Liturgy of the Word** in which we hear readings from the Old Testament, the Epistles, and then a reading (the high point of the Liturgy of the Word), the proclamation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and our response to the Word in Sermon and prayer.

The second part of the Mass is the **Liturgy of Holy Communion**. Together, the Liturgies of Word and Holy Communion make our service called Holy Eucharist, or the Mass.

This month we will be exploring the Eucharist in greater detail to help us better understand the profound act of the Consecration.

Any questions? Everything you want to know about church can be answered in this column. (Well almost anything!) Contact Marge Keller at 713-0724 or anyone on the Worship Committee. We'll do our best to provide an answer.



From the Rector's Desk



There is no such thing as normal. There is only mostly normal. For most, this would be an obvious and acceptable statement of reality. My experience with autistic children has prompted a more subterranean reflection on life, or life as interpreted through our grey matter. Our brains do not function like other organs, like the liver and kidneys, lungs, or intestinal tract. There is no organic screening of the useful from the excrement. Our brains simply work, and work a lot. I have come to believe we are all autistic to some extent. Our brains are wired so imperfectly that they operate by isolations of lingerings, fixations, non-sequiturs, blending of dream and memory, and so on. If we view the world and ourselves based on the assumption of a baseline, say, "normal," we inevitably wander into dead-end assessments about ourselves and others. Descartes was wrong to compose: *I think, therefore I am*. I think, therefore I am a bit crazy, is closer to the mark. The way forward in this mental thicket is through another formulary: *You are, therefore I am*. Interaction with those from without the interior landscape of the mind, is the balancing act so desperately needed in these desperate times. We need strong community now more than ever. Jesus said, *whenever two or three are gathered in my name, I am there in their midst*. Pretty clever Savior, I think.

Philip +

Save the Date!

ANNUAL SPRING GALA & BENEFIT AUCTION

Saturday, April 25th



Preparations are underway. We ask you to begin collecting items to be donated and bring them to the church with the word "auction" on them. You can also become part of this important fundraiser by joining a committee. We need you to help make this a successful auction.

Please contact Jane Paradiso with any questions or for more information at janeparadiso@yahoo.com.

Bedsread Raffle

Keep Warm This Winter!

The women from Maximum Security at the Edna Mahan Correctional Facility in Clinton and the three CHS ministers who visit weekly are creating a very large hand-crocheted bedsread. This beautifully colored bedsread will be raffled off sometime during the winter months, with the intent to keep you warm. Proceeds of the raffle will aid one of the church ministries.

Stay tuned for its unveiling and the ability to purchase tickets!

Thank you for your support of this most worthwhile endeavor.

Deacon Johnine Byrer

Visit Washington, D.C.

Friday, March 27th - Saturday, March 28th

You will have an opportunity to visit Washington, D.C., tour the National Cathedral and attend a presentation entitled "Divine Sanity: Thoughts on Creative Life." The presentation will be given by Elizabeth Gilbert, author of the book Eat, Pray, Love. The cost for this enlightening presentation will be \$22.00. The plan is to drive down on Friday morning and return late on Saturday evening. The accommodations can either be at the College of Preachers for \$61.00 plus the cost for food, or at a nearby hotel. More details will be forthcoming.

If this trip appeals to you, please contact Deacon Johnine at 399-4170 or deaconjb@gmail.com.

From the Deacon's Corner



Dear Seekers,

I am writing this month to implore you to consider reaching out to the residents of Frenchtown Manor. We have been serving this resident facility for men and women of various ages and emotional states since 2002. This ministry enables these powerless people, who would otherwise be on the streets, to have a hearty, healthy meal and conversation.

We usually visit in a team of two people. One team member is responsible for cooking the main dish and the other for bringing a side dish and dessert. The meals need not be extravagant, simple will do. We often visit on weekends, with breakfast at 7:30 a.m., lunch at 12 noon and dinner at 5:00 p.m. The facility provides coffee, tea and milk.

I wish you beautiful blue skies, crisp fall weather and stunning colored trees! Let us keep our eyes and ears open to the wonder and beauty of God at work in our lives.

I faithfully remain your Deacon,

Johnine

Grow with the Spirit Stewardship

Our stewardship campaign, "**Grow with the Spirit**," is well under way. We see great things happening for our church and its mission. We ask that you consider making a pledge for the 2009 fiscal year.

You should have received your pledge card in the mail. If you have not received it, additional cards are available in the Narthex. Please return your completed pledge card to the church or place it in the offering basket at a Sunday service. Please note that the graph on the back of the pledge card is out of date. We will be happy to discuss the projected 2009 figures with you or you can access information through the link on the church website. Specific pledge information is kept in confidence by our pledge clerk. Pledge commitments, whatever the amount, are key to developing a realistic budget.

God asks us to be stewards of his gifts to us. Everything we are and everything we have is a gift from God. We can be God's stewards by:

- Giving as we are able, but most importantly making a firm commitment to our church and our missions by making a pledge.
- Giving freely of our time and talent.
- Being evangelistic.

May God continue to bless you with his gifts.

Katie Gnash
Vestry Stewardship

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE



The Christmas Giving Tree will soon be decorating our Narthex. Again this year the Giving Tree will include tags for

- Our friends at Freedom House (a half-way house for men)
- Residents of Anderson House and Good News Home (half-way houses for women)
- The children of Christ Church (Cristo Rey) in Trenton (our sister parish)
- Our Friends at Frenchtown Manor
- Children in the DYFS and/or Big Brothers and Sisters programs in Hunterdon County that are part of *Holiday Hands*, the county gift giving program sponsored by United Way

Each tag will contain some information about the recipient (such as requests, sizes and needs) and whether or not the gift should be wrapped. Some agencies require that the gifts *not* be wrapped. The plan is to have the tags on the tree, ready to be taken, on **November 16th**. Instructions will be available when you take your tag(s). Please be sure to read and follow the instructions carefully.

Thank you for helping to make the holiday a bit happier for someone less fortunate.

WORDS FROM OUR SENIOR WARDEN

How often do you thank God for your blessings? During this Thanksgiving season ask yourself, "What gifts do I have to give my community at CHS?" You all have something unique that our church craves.

My husband, Alex, and I came to CHS eleven years ago as a newly married couple. Back then I was content to just go to services and leave afterwards. After our daughter Alyssa was born, I was asked to be a Sunday school teacher. I felt ready to commit to being a steward in this ministry. This was my first step in giving back to the Church of the Holy Spirit. Pledging was a natural next step. It feels great to be a part of this community and to know all of the wonderful people in it. It keeps me coming back and wanting to give more. Both Alex and I came from backgrounds where our parents were involved in their respective churches. We both grew up learning from example how important it is to give back to the community.

CHS is in the middle of a stewardship pledge drive. This is an opportunity to give blessings both spiritually and financially. The financial piece is important to plan our budget for the upcoming year. The spiritual piece in some ways can be reason to give financially. We have many ministries in which you can participate such as: Cristo Rey, the Shawl and Prison ministries, our Youth and Bible groups, the Food Pantry, and Good Friday service. With all of these opportunities, being a steward of this community is easy. However, if you do not find something that interests you, ask questions and start something new!

In the Bible, John 21:15-22, Jesus asks Peter, "Peter, do you love me? Then feed my sheep."

If you love him, why not serve him? The proof of our love is in our service....how we feed his sheep....how we take care of his lambs....how we serve his people. That's what stewardship is about!

Elizabeth vanVeldhuisen
Senior Warden

Cristo Rey News



Throughout October and early November, we collected new hats, mittens, gloves and scarves for all ages for the Cristo Rey parish in Trenton. This is an example of our changing mission; to bring more meaningful projects to Cristo Rey by involving more members of CHS. The Lenox family will be distributing these warm items when they deliver any remaining children's books for the lending library created by Brad Lenox last year.

Looking forward.....

We are planning a children's Christmas party for December and a special early spring project which will involve individuals who enjoy sewing.

If you would like to assist with either of these activities, please contact :

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All Saints Day Gathering

Saturday, November 1 at 7 p.m.



To commemorate All Saints Day, CHS will have an organ/piano concert by Tricia Simpson-Curtin and Chris A. Williams on Saturday night, **November 1st at 7:00 p.m.** The featured music will be the "Peer Gynt Suite" by Edvard Grieg for 1 piano, 4 hands. The concert will be followed by dessert and a bonfire.

Sunday Culinary Delights



Many thanks to our October chefs: Chris Hanneken, Jane Paradiso, Sharon Tanzler and Elizabeth vanVeldhuisen.

Also, it's never too late to sign up to help on any Sunday. Strength and teamwork come in numbers. Happy eating!


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



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Church of the Holy Spirit Monthly Planner

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 ALL SAINTS SUNDAY Bring a Friend to Church! Breakfast between services Food Pantry Donations 8&10:15am Holy Eucharist 9:15am Sunday School 9:45 & 11:35am Choir	3 1-3pm Shawl Ministry at Edna Mahan Prison 7pm Knit & Chat	4 ELECTION DAY 6am Bible Study @ Spinning Wheel Diner	5 12 noon Eucharist 6:30pm Jr. Choir Rehearsal	6 9am Mini-Disciples Craft Workshop 4pm Somerset Co Jail Ministry 6:15pm Mountain View Prison 7pm "Knowing God" 7pm Stewardship Social 7:30pm Trinity Chorale Teacher's Convention Tres Dias women's retreat weekend	7 Father Philip's Sabbath	1 FALL BACK  7pm All Saint's Day Organ/Piano Recital 8
9 Newcomers welcomed at 10:15 service 8&10:15am Holy Eucharist 9am - Sr. High Youth trip to Trinity Cathedral 9:15am Sunday School & Adult Ed 9:45 & 11:35am Choir 7pm Stewardship Social	10 1-3pm Shawl Ministry at Edna Mahan Prison	11 6am Bible Study @ Spinning Wheel Diner 7:30pm Vestry Meeting	12 12 noon Eucharist 6pm Edna Mahan Prison Ministry 6:30pm Jr. Choir Rehearsal	13 4pm Somerset Co Jail Ministry 6:15pm Mountain View Prison 7pm "Knowing God" 7:30pm Trinity Chorale	14 Father Philip's Sabbath	15 10am Daughters of the King 10am Mini- Disciples Craft Workshop
16 Giving Tree Decorated 8&10:15am Holy Eucharist 9am Ministry Planning Mtg 9am-1pm Mission to Cristo Rey 9:15am Sunday School & Adult Ed 9:45 & 11:35am Choir	17 1-3pm Shawl Ministry at Edna Mahan Prison 7pm Knit & Chat	18 6am Bible Study @ Spinning Wheel Diner	19 12 noon Eucharist 6:30pm Jr. Choir Rehearsal	20 4pm Somerset Co Jail Ministry 6:15pm Mountain View Prison 7:30pm Trinity Chorale	21 Father Philip's Sabbath	22 7pm Sr. High Youth Lock-in
23 FOUNDER'S DAY Healing Service after <u>both</u> services Holiday Shoppe & Advent Wreaths 8&10:15am Holy Eucharist 9:15am Sunday School & Adult Ed 9:45 & 11:35am Choir 2:45pm Mini-Disciples Aspen Ice skating trip 7:30pm Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service	24 1-3pm Shawl Ministry at Edna Mahan Prison	25 6am Bible Study @ Spinning Wheel Diner 7:30pm Trinity Chorale	26 12 noon Eucharist 6:30pm Jr. Choir Rehearsal	27 THANKSGIVING DAY 9am Service Office Closed	28 Father Philip's Sabbath	29
30 Advent 1/Jesse Tree Holiday Shoppe No Sunday School 8&10:15am Holy Eucharist 9:45 & 11:35am Choir						

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER....

December 5 & 6 - Women's Retreat at Liebenzell Retreat House

December 6 7 p.m. - Trinity Chorale Concert

December 7 - Holiday Shoppe

March 27 & 28 - Visit Washington, D.C.

April 25 - Annual Spring Gala & 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

Mini-Disciples

Let's Create Christmas Tree Ornaments

Thursday, November 6th 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Saturday, November 15th 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

All Mini-Disciples who enjoy arts and crafts are invited to attend this fun activity in the Church undercroft. All ornaments will be available for sale during the Ye Olde CHS Holiday Shoppe festivities. We will be using permanent paints, so dress in old clothes. The project will start on Thursday and finish on Saturday, however, you do not have to attend the first day to participate on the second.



If interested, contact Mrs. Hallstrom so she is able to purchase the supplies. Please send her an email at whallstrom@comcast.net.

Ice Skating at Aspen Ice in Flemington

Sunday, November 23rd 2:45 - 4:15 p.m.

- Website: www.aspen-ice.com
- Cost: \$8 adults; \$6 for children 12 and under
- Skate rental \$3
- Bring extra money for snacks
- Parent drop off & pick up at the rink



If interested, please contact Audrey Imhoff at audrey_imhoff@comcast.net.

All children in grades 4-8 are invited to the Mini-Disciple activities. Bring friends!

Pedals for Progress A Huge Success!



On Sunday, October 12th, 45 bikes for Pedals for Progress were collected by 20 CHS youth members and their friends at the Unity Bank in Clinton. We spent the gorgeous, sunny day working hard dismantling bikes and preparing them for shipment to the 32 developing countries that Pedals for Progress serves. CHS has worked with this organization for the last 24 years during which time Pedals for Progress has collected over 100,000 bikes.

To learn more about the Pedals for Progress nonprofit organization, visit their website at <http://www.p4p.org>.

Senior High Youth Group

Trinity Cathedral

Sunday, November 9th

Join us for worship at Trinity Cathedral, followed by pizza and bowling. We will leave from CHS at 9:00 a.m. for Trenton and return by 4 p.m. Please bring \$10.00.

Lock-In

Saturday, November 22nd – Sunday, November 23rd

This fun overnight will take place at CHS from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m. the next day. There will be food and the return of "Ultimate Gaming." This is a youth fundraiser, so please bring \$10.00. Also, don't forget to bring a snack to share, a sleeping bag and pillow. Bring friends!

Join us for Fun Meetings

So far this fall, the Senior High Youth Group has met twice. These Sunday night get-togethers involve fun dinners and meetings lead by Father Philip. We also had an awesome night of "Ultimate Gaming" and worked hard for Pedals for Progress. If you have not been involved in a youth event this year and are interested in the upcoming events mentioned above, please contact Bailey Mat-tison 328-3774 or Sarah Decker 892-1188. You are missed!

Adult Education



TRES DIAS OF NORTHERN NEW JERSEY –

The next Emmaus House weekend for women in Perth Amboy, NJ is scheduled for November 6-9, 2008.

John Wood will complete the facilitation of one of the great bible themes, "Knowing God." The course explores what God said about who He is and how He wants to relate with people in the Bible using all of the text from Genesis to Revelations. The remaining sessions are scheduled from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. on the following Thursday evenings: November 6th and 13th.

Volunteer Needed

Children's Chapel needs an adult to lead the lesson, one Sunday per month. The lesson takes place during the 10:15 service. This is a wonderful and fun way for our children to learn about our faith. There is very little preparation required. The lesson book and various websites do the planning for you. All you need to do is execute it!

Contact Trish Simpson-Curtin at 638-4012 or simpsoncurtin@yahoo.com.

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Food Pantry



Thank you to all who have contributed breakfast foods and paper goods to the High Bridge and Flemington Food Pantries. It is wonderful to see the generous giving back of what God has provided in our lives.

For the month of November, we would like to be sure that the clients who benefit from the food pantries have enough food on their Thanksgiving table. It is important that they feel truly thankful for what God provides for them through our good works.

Starting on Breakfast Sunday November 2nd, please make donations of stuffing, cranberry sauce, canned pumpkin and sweet potatoes and other vegetables and fruits. If your family tradition is other than these foods, consider bringing in those food types too.

If you find that you cannot use the free turkey you have earned from your grocery shopping, they may be taken directly to the nearest food pantry. Sharon Wood or Kelly D'Angerio can help you with directions and days/times food is accepted. A special thanks to the Woods and D'Angerios for giving of their time to deliver these gifts for us.

Women's Retreat

Friday, December 5th – Saturday, December 6th
Treat yourself to 24 hours of fun, fun, fun!!



“Praying through the Seasons” is the title for this upcoming retreat with The Reverend Ann Holt. It will be held at the Liebenzell Retreat House on Schooley’s Mountain with the women from St John’s in Somerville where Deacon Joanna George is assigned. The cost is \$90, which includes three meals and a comfy bed. We can arrive as early as 3:00 p.m., on Friday and will finish up by 3:00 p.m., on Saturday. We had a wonderful time last year. It will be a perfect way to begin the holiday season.

Please write your check to Joanna George and give it to me at your earliest convenience. There is only room for 17 women from each parish, so sign-up soon! If you have any questions, please contact me: (908) 399-4170

Deacon Johnine Byrer

PULSE OF THE PARISH

Best Wishes and Congratulations to Alison Landgraf and Greg Fitzgerald who were married on October 18th in Virginia with Father Philip presiding. Alison is the daughter of parishioners Sue and George Landgraf.

Welcome to the following friends who have worshiped with us recently:

- Vickie Brooks who lives in Clinton
- Darlene & David Nardi, son Daniel who is in 8th grade, and twins Katelyn and Allison who are in 3rd grade. The Nardi’s have been inactive for several years but would like to begin attending again
- Kathie Verse, who along with her husband Bob, were parishioners many years ago until they moved to the Tom’s River area. They have returned recently to Sergeantsville to be closer to their adult children and grandchildren who live in Delaware Township and Clinton.



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