



# Trumpeter

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Church of the Holy Spirit

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## Join Us For a New Holiday Tradition

### Neighborhood Christmas Carol & Pot Luck Supper

Sunday, December 14 at 4 p.m.



As part of CHS's ongoing effort to attract new members, we are beginning a new tradition this holiday season. Please join the fun for our first *Neighborhood Christmas Carol & Pot Luck Supper*.

Plan on arriving at CHS promptly at 4 p.m. dressed warmly and festively. We will break into small teams (think Good Friday) and depart for our various targeted residential neighborhoods. If you are an adult and willing to drive, please consider volunteering. After caroling we will return to CHS at 6 p.m. for a simple pot luck dinner and shopping at our very own CHS Holiday Shoppe. The evening will wrap up in plenty of time to get children and grownups home before bedtime (around 7:30 p.m.)

This event is designed to include people of all ages. Young children **love** to carol in wagons—blankets and flashlights keep them very happy. If you play a small instrument that you can comfortably carry, please consider bringing it along.

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## Church FAQs: *Colors of the Church Year*

As you may have noticed, the colors of the vestments worn by the priests and the altar hangings used in some churches change from time to time throughout the Church year. Each season of the liturgical calendar is associated with a distinct color.

**PURPLE:** In the Middle Ages, purple dye was very expensive and came to be associated with wealth and royalty. During Advent, we use the color purple with the color rose for the third Sunday to signify joy. Notice the candles in the Advent wreath: three purple, one rose. We celebrate the coming of our King through the use of this color. Blue, which represents the Virgin Mary, is becoming more frequent during this season as well.

Purple is also the color for Lent and is representational of Lent being the time for preparation and penitence. We add different symbols at this time, such as the nails or crown of thorns to give visual separation from Advent when the Alpha-Omega is more appropriate. Notice also that Bishops wear purple shirts rather than the black of most clergy as a symbol of their Apostolic position.

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## From the Rector's Desk

### In this Season of Giving, Some Thoughts to Consider

"Why you are born and why you are living depend entirely on what you are getting out of this world and what you are giving to it. I cannot prove that this is a balance of mathematical perfection, but my own observation of life leads me to the conclusion that there is a very real relationship, both quantitatively and qualitatively, between what you contribute and what you get out of this world."  
*Oscar Hammerstein II*



"He who gives when he is asked has waited too long." *Anonymous*

"If tempted by something that feels altruistic, examine your motives and root out that self-deception. Then, if you still want to do it, wallow in it!" *Ralph A. Hayward*

"There is a gift that is almost a blow, and there is a kind word that is munificence; so much is there in the way of doing things." *Arthur Helps*

"A gift much expected is paid, not given." *George Herbert*

"Teetotalers lack the sympathy and generosity of men that drink." *W. H. Davies*

"The greatest grace of a gift, perhaps, is that it anticipates and admits no return." *Henry Wadsworth Longfellow.*

"Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall others give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again."  
*Luke 6:38*

"No person was ever honored for what he received. Honor has been the reward for what he gave." *Calvin Coolidge.*

"You need more tact in the dangerous art of giving presents than in any other social action." *Wm. Bolitho*

"Be ashamed to die until you have won some victory for humanity." *Horace Mann*

"If you haven't got any charity in your heart, you have the worst kind of heart trouble." *Bob Hope*

"Generous gestures yield the most when that isn't their purpose." *Malcolm Forbes*

"We need to be just before we are generous, as we need shirts before ruffles." *Sebastian Chamfort*

"Never measure your generosity by what you give, but rather by what you have left." *Fulton Sheen*

"Do all the good you can, By all the means you can, In all the ways you can, In all the places you can, At all the times you can, To all the people you can, As long as ever you can." *John Wesley*

"Giving frees us from the familiar territory of our own needs by opening our mind to the unexplained worlds occupied by the needs of others." *Barbara Bush*

"There is no beautifier of complexion, or form, or behavior, like the wish to scatter joy and not pain around us. 'Tis good to give a stranger a meal, or a night's lodging. 'Tis better to be hospitable to his good meaning and thought, and give courage to a companion. We must be as courteous to a man as we are to a picture, which we are willing to give the advantage of a good light." *Ralph Waldo Emerson*

"We'd all like a reputation for generosity, and we'd all like to buy it cheap." *Mignon Mclaughlin*

"If you can't feed a hundred people, then just feed one." *Mother Teresa*

## From the Deacon's Corner



Dear Seekers,

After much prayerful consideration, we have decided to leave our ministry at the Mountain-view Prison Facility for Men for a variety of reasons. The main reason is that attendance has fallen throughout the last several months. We are really sad to say good-bye to this most worthwhile ministry, for it has lasted for five years. If another evening becomes available, we hope to be able to serve again. However, we are hopeful that it can be replaced with a prison ministry at the Hunterdon County Jail. This opportunity at the jail is still in process.

A recent shawl recipient sent a thank you note to the woman who knitted the shawl. Her words encapsulate the mission of the Shawl Ministry. She said, "God has been so gracious during this time and it is so comforting to see how He uses you to wrap His arms around me."

The Confirmation class has grown to eleven youth. There are eight young men and three young women presently taking the class. Each student has a sponsor from the faith community who will accompany them through this long process. It is very exciting for all concerned. Our time together is all about the youth building a relationship with God and his/her sponsor. The Confirmation class will be going to our sister parish, Cristo Rey in Trenton on December 14<sup>th</sup> for a church service. They will also bake cookies the day before so that we can host the coffee hour for church members on that Sunday. The Confirmation class will also be helping the Church School children make a Christmas gift for one of their parents.

Life is always busy in this faith community. Stay tuned.

I faithfully remain your Deacon,

*Johnine*

### Finance Committee

The Finance Committee would like to encourage everyone to keep pledges current as we end this year. We have budgeted our expenses for this year based on our parishioners' pledge commitments.

As we begin the budgeting process this month for 2009, having an accurate pledge amount certainly makes our job easier. Think how difficult it would be to plan your household budget if you did not know your income.

Please help us by sending in your pledge by the beginning of December. The Finance Committee would like to have the budget ready before Christmas for a Vestry vote in January.

Thank you for your help.

### CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

The Giving Tree has been set up in the Narthex and hopefully most of the 146 tags that were on the tree have been taken by kind and caring parishioners by the time you receive this issue of the Trumpeter. If there are any left, please take a remaining tag and **don't forget to sign the registry** (found on the table under the "Dove") with **your name and phone number next to the tag number that you choose**. Also take a **Giving Tree Instruction** sheet to guide you.

The deadline for returning the gifts is **December 7<sup>th</sup>** with the original tag securely attached. Please place the gifts under the tree in the Narthex for the elves to sort for distribution. Thanks for your caring and support! If you have any questions, please contact Barbara Burton at 236-6980 or [barb.sandy@att.net](mailto:barb.sandy@att.net).

### CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS



The Flower Envelope included in this *Trumpeter* is for your donation toward Christmas flowers and greens for the "greening" of the church. Please include your name and the name(s) for whom the donation is being made and whether it is a memorial or thanksgiving. Put your donation (\$25 is suggested) in the envelope and place it in the collection plate on any Sunday, in the Altar Guild mailbox (in the hall by the lower entrance), or return it to the office no later than December 14<sup>th</sup> so that the names may be included in the Christmas bulletin.

## WORDS FROM OUR SENIOR WARDEN

Christmastime is here. This time is joyful as we celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. With many of us facing uncertainty in this economic climate, it can be hard to keep our chins up and be positive. I would like to share with you some inspirational thoughts as a great reminder to us all.

<u>You Say</u>	<u>GOD Says</u>	<u>Bible Verse</u>
It's Impossible	All Things are Possible	Luke 18:27
I'm Too Tired	I Will Give You Rest	Matthew 11:28-30
Nobody Really Loves Me	I Love You	John 3: 16 & 3:34
I Can't Go On	My Grace is Sufficient	II Corinthians 12:9 & Psalms 91:15
I Can't Figure Things Out	I Will Direct Your Step	Proverbs 3: 5-6
I Can't Do It	You Can Do All Things	Philippians 4:13
I Am Not Able	I am Able	II Corinthians 9:8
It's Not Worth It	It Will Be Worth It	Romans 8:28
I Can't Forgive Myself	I Forgive You	I John 1:9 & Romans 8:1
I Can't Manage	I will Supply All Your needs	Philippians 4:19
I'm Afraid	I Have not Given You a Spirit Of Fear	II Timothy 1:7
I'm Always Worried and Frustrated	Cast All Your Cares on Me	I Peter 5:7
I'm Not Smart Enough	I Give you Wisdom	I Corinthians 1:30
I Feel Alone	I will Never Leave You or Forsake You	Hebrews 13:5

Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year to you all for 2009.

*Elizabeth vanVeldhuisen*  
Senior Warden

### From the Music Director



#### Holiday Choir

Anyone interested in singing for the Advent Lessons & Carols and the Christmas Eve services, should attend the Holiday Choir rehearsals on Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> from 11:40 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

#### Trinity Chorale Holiday Concert

This concert is scheduled for Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

### Sunday Culinary Delights



Many thanks to our November chefs: Judy Emmitt, Donna Lachenmayr and Elizabeth vanVeldhuisen.

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](mailto:carolcj@prolog.net).

## CHS News

Do you have a Yahoo! email account but are not receiving CHS News via email? Try adding [chsnews@churchholyspirit.net](mailto:chsnews@churchholyspirit.net) to your contacts. You may also look in your Spam folder. If it is there, select the message and mark "not spam."

If you are not on the current distribution list and would like to receive CHS News, please send an email to the CHS office at [admin@churchholyspirit.net](mailto:admin@churchholyspirit.net) or call the church office at 236-6301.

## Holy Spirited Meals



The freezer is stocked once again with tasty homemade meals. Sometimes we forget that even minor foot surgery can keep us from shopping and preparing a decent meal. Individual and family meals can be obtained by calling the church office at 236-6301, Judy Emmitt at 236-2155 or Sharon Wood at 713-0963.

## Pledge Clerk Update

Giving envelopes for the year 2009 will be available in the Narthex beginning on the first Sunday in December. Please remember to take your envelopes with you as this helps us greatly in postage.

If you have any questions, please contact Sally Bird at 735-0094 or [s.j.bird@att.net](mailto:s.j.bird@att.net).

## Christmas Carol

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Since our goal is to have as many people out caroling as possible we will not be staffing or using the church kitchen. Please keep this in mind as you prepare your pot luck item to share. Crock pot dishes work particularly well. Finger foods are fine if they can be served at room temperature. Bread, salads, beverages, and desserts are always useful.

We'll need quite a few regular (not mini) sized candy canes, onto which we'll attach our Christmas service schedule to hand out as we carol. Also, size AA batteries will be needed to power our caroling candles. A donations box is in the Narthex for this purpose.

Friends and extended family members are always welcome at CHS, so invite some folks to sing along with us!

Please be sure to utilize the sign-up sheet in the Narthex so we know how many teams we will need to assemble. For further information contact Audrey Imhoff at 908-284-2523 [audrey\\_imhoff@comcast.net](mailto:audrey_imhoff@comcast.net) or Liz Cannizzaro at 782-9875 [jemcan1@comcast.net](mailto:jemcan1@comcast.net).

## Colors of the Church Year

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**WHITE:** White is a celebratory color and hence is used for Christmas, Easter and at Baptisms. White gets a lot of mention in the New Testament to describe angels, the shroud of Jesus, and the Book of Revelation refers often to the color white. It is a color of purity and resurrection and will be seen at funerals, despite the church season. Gold is an alternative to white.

**RED:** This symbol of blood is used for any service commemorating a martyr; it symbolizes fire and thus is the color of Pentecost Sunday, the Holy Spirit, and of ordinations. As an alternative for Holy Week, deep red often replaces purple because of its interpretative meaning.

**GREEN:** The most often seen color during the church year is green, used during the entire length of the season after Pentecost which runs until Advent. It is also the color of the season of Epiphany which starts after January 6<sup>th</sup> and concludes with Ash Wednesday. These two seasons are referred to as Ordinary Time as the Sundays are referenced as 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany or the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, as opposed to Christmas or Easter.

**BLACK:** Less frequently seen is the color black, used for Good Friday, sometimes for funerals.

## ***Some Thoughts to Consider***

[Continued from page 2]

“The true meaning of life is to plant trees, under whose shade you do not expect to sit.” *Nelson Henderson*

“We are all here on earth to help others; what on earth the others are here for I don't know.” *W.H. Auden*

“We should give as we would receive, cheerfully, quickly, and without hesitation; for there is no grace in a benefit that sticks to the fingers.” *Seneca*

“In place of the Old Bottom Line of money and power, a New Bottom Line of Love and Generosity is possible. People of all faiths need to shape a political and social movement that reaffirms the most generous, peace-oriented, social justice-committed, and loving truths of the spiritual heritage of the human race. It is only this resurrection of hope that can save us from a new wave of global hatred.” *Michael Lerner*

“Lose yourself in generous service and every day can be a most unusual day, a triumphant day, an abundantly rewarding day!” *William Arthur Ward*

“The American people are very generous people and will forgive almost any weakness, with the possible exception of stupidity.” *Will Rogers*

“If someone hates you, they won't ask you for things.” *Ashanti proverb*

“The three signs of great men are -- generosity in the design, humanity in the execution, moderation in success.” *Otto von Bismarck*

“Generosity, to be perfect, should always be accompanied by a dash of humor.” *Marie von Ebner-Eschenbach*

“To give awkwardly is churlishness. The most difficult part is to give, then why not add a smile?” *Jean de la Bruyere*

“It takes generosity to discover the whole through others. If you realize you are only a violin, you can open yourself up to the world by playing your role in the concert.” *Jacques Yves Cousteau*

“When it comes to giving—some people stop at nothing.” *Anonymous*

“A generous man places the benefits he confers beneath his feet; those he receives, nearest his heart.” *Lord Greville*

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## Church of the Holy Spirit Monthly Planner

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b> 1-3pm Shawl Ministry at Edna Mahan Prison 7pm Knit & Chat	<b>2</b> 6am Bible Study @ Spinning Wheel Diner 1-3pm Shawl Ministry at Edna Mahan Prison 7:30pm Trinity Chorale	<b>3</b> 12 noon Eucharist 6:30pm Jr. Choir Rehearsal	<b>4</b> 4pm Somerset Co Jail Ministry 7:30pm Trinity Chorale	<b>5</b> Father Philip's Sabbath	<b>6</b> 9am-2pm Blood Drive 9:30am Trinity Chorale Rehearsal 7pm Trinity Chorale Concert
					Women's Retreat at Liebenzell Retreat House	
<b>7 Advent 2</b> <b>BREAKFAST</b> between services <b>Giving Tree Gifts Due</b> <b>Holiday Shoppe</b> <b>Blessings of Birthdays &amp;</b> <b>Anniversaries</b> 8&10:15am Holy Eucharist 9:15am Sunday School & Adult Ed 9:45 & 11:35am Choir 11:40am Holiday Choir Rehearsal	<b>8</b> 1-3pm Shawl Ministry at Edna Mahan Prison	<b>9</b> 6am Bible Study @ Spinning Wheel Diner 1-3pm Shawl Ministry at Edna Mahan Prison 7:30pm Vestry Meeting	<b>10</b> 12 noon Eucharist 6pm Edna Mahan Prison Ministry 6:30pm Jr. Choir Rehearsal	<b>11</b> 4pm Somerset Co Jail Ministry	<b>12</b> Father Philip's Sabbath	<b>13</b>
<b>14 Advent 3</b> <b>Christmas Food Pantry</b> <b>Donations Due</b> 8&10:15am Holy Eucharist 9:15am Sunday School & Adult Ed 9:45 & 11:35am Choir 11:40am Holiday Choir Rehearsal 4pm Christmas Caroling & Potluck dinner	<b>15</b> 1-3pm Shawl Ministry at Edna Mahan Prison 7pm Knit & Chat	<b>16</b> 6am Bible Study @ Spinning Wheel Diner 1-3pm Shawl Ministry at Edna Mahan Prison	<b>17</b> 12 noon Eucharist 6:30pm Jr. Choir Rehearsal	<b>18</b> 4pm Somerset Co Jail Ministry	<b>19</b> Father Philip's Sabbath	<b>20</b> 10am Daughters of the King
<b>21 Advent 4</b> <b>Greening of the Church</b> 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 11:40am Holiday Choir Rehearsal	<b>22</b> 1-3pm Shawl Ministry at Edna Mahan Prison	<b>23</b> 6am Bible Study @ Spinning Wheel Diner 1-3pm Shawl Ministry at Edna Mahan Prison	<b>24 CHRISTMAS</b> <b>EVE</b> 4pm Service 7:30pm Service with hymns at 7pm 11pm Service with hymns at 10:30pm	<b>25 CHRISTMAS</b> 10am Service	<b>26</b> Father Philip's Sabbath	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> <b>Healing Service</b> after <u>both</u> services No Sunday School or Adult Education 8&10:15am Holy Eucharist 9:15am Sunday School & Adult Ed	<b>29</b> 1-3pm Shawl Ministry at Edna Mahan Prison	<b>30</b> 6am Bible Study @ Spinning Wheel Diner 1-3pm Shawl Ministry at Edna Mahan Prison	<b>31 NEW YEARS</b> <b>EVE</b> 12 noon Eucharist	Office Closed		

### IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER....

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

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 Youth Group

#### Caroling

Sunday, December 14

Meet at CHS at 4:00 p.m. for caroling and return for a potluck dinner and meeting.

#### Trinity Cathedral Update

On Sunday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, Liz Karslo, Trevor Hoffman, Caroline Southwick, Caitlin Fortunato and Matthew Fortunato along with Ben Fortunato and Anne Simpson attended a service at Trinity Cathedral in Trenton. Dean Rene John and all of the parishioners were so welcoming and thankful for our visit. This was their Stewardship Sunday, so following the service we were invited to stay for a delicious potluck lunch. We discussed the gospel reading and reflected on what Stewardship meant to us. After that, we went bowling and had a great time with old friends and getting to know new friends.

#### An Oktoberfest Thank-You

Many thanks to Brian Decker, Matt Decker, Chris Guns, David Marcella, Justin Marinelli, Will Marinelli, Caroline Southwick and Jake Warren for all of their help with the Oktoberfest event.

## ADULT EDUCATION



### Advent

#### Through the Eyes of Those Who Waited

December 7, 14, 21

Please join us for an interesting and informative journey through the season of Advent. Each Sunday, we will have a coffee hour discussion based on the Sunday readings. We will meet in the Parish Hall – bring your coffee hour goodies with you. On breakfast Sunday, we will meet on the “stage” area of the Parish Hall and will feed our bodies and spirits. No preparation or homework required!

“Advent Through the Eyes of Those Who Waited,” a course from *The Thoughtful Christian* by author Carol Wehrheim, introduces readers to several biblical characters found in the lectionary readings for Advent.

First, the prophets in the book of Isaiah present us with the idea of waiting and preparing for the Messiah-our work for Advent. Next we meet John the Baptist who announces the coming of the Messiah. Mary, the mother of Jesus, is the main subject of sessions three and four. Finally, we learn from Elizabeth about how to accept a blessing so long in coming that it is no longer expected.

Contact Wendy Hallstrom with any questions at 713-1191 or [whallstrom@comcast.net](mailto:whallstrom@comcast.net).

## 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](mailto:simpsoncurtin@yahoo.com).

## Save the Date!

### ANNUAL SPRING BENEFIT & AUCTION

Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>



Please keep this critical fundraiser in mind as you shop this holiday season. Several stores offer great deals and coupons this time of year and it’s never too soon for us to start collecting donations. We’d be happy to save you the hassle of returning Christmas gifts by accepting them, too! All collected items should be brought to CHS with the word “auction” on them.

You can also become part of this important fundraiser by joining a committee. After the first of the year we will need volunteers to solicit in each of the following areas: Lebanon, Whitehouse, Clinton, Annandale, and Washington.

Please contact Audrey Imhoff at 284-2523 [audrey\\_imhoff@comcast.net](mailto:audrey_imhoff@comcast.net) or Sharon Tanzler at 537-7580 [smtanzler@earthlink.net](mailto:smtanzler@earthlink.net) to join our acquisitions team.

## Winter Clothing Collection

### Start Cleaning Out Your Closets

We will be collecting warm clothing for the men who are serviced by the Seamen’s Church Institute at Port Elizabeth. Cleaning out your closets will help you to get ready for holiday visitors. Stay tuned for the collection date!





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### Got Change, Help Our Ministries Grow



Beginning in January, we will be collecting spare change in a container in the Narthex. The effort will be called, *GOT CHANGE?* The proceeds will go to help augment our ministries. Large plastic bags will be provided so that you can collect your change and bring it into church. I think we will be pleasantly surprised at how quickly the change will pile up!

Contact Deacon Johnine if you have any comments or questions at 399-4170 or [deaconjb@gmail.com](mailto:deaconjb@gmail.com).

### ANNUAL BLOOD DRIVE

Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup>  
9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

CHS is hosting its annual blood drive. During the holiday season blood is in short supply, so please join us. We will have continuous live music to help you relax and move spiritually into the holiday season. Donors must be at least 17 years old, weigh at least 110 lbs. and be healthy. If you donate regularly, you can donate safely every 56 days.

Please call Jane Anderson to schedule your appointment at 439-2532 or [jeaedd93@yahoo.com](mailto:jeaedd93@yahoo.com).

The gift of blood is the gift of life and it is truly the ultimate stewardship. Please call now.

## Christmas Food Pantry



Bountiful Blessings! The donations for Thanksgiving tables were well appreciated at the food pantry and by the recipients. Thank you for your donation.

For the month of December, we will focus on a repeat performance for the Christmas Feast. What foods do you associate with Christmas? A special cookie or perhaps extra special pancakes for after the gift unwrapping? Consider donating the ingredients for one favorite food (non-perishables, please) with an attached recipe card. Maybe you would like to contribute a specialty item, such as flavored oils, colored sugar crystals for cookies, special coffee blend or let your heart run wild in the grocery store.

Starting on Breakfast Sunday December 7th, please make donations of special gifts for the Christmas holiday season. In order to get donations to the pantries in time for the holiday, **we will need all items in by December 14** so we have only two Sundays in which to fill those baskets of love.

## PULSE OF THE PARISH

**We welcome into the household of God** the following infants who were "sealed by the Holy spirit" in **Baptism** and marked as Christ's own forever:

- On November 2<sup>nd</sup>, Hailey Rose Clemente, age 6 months, daughter of Jessica and Rio Clemente who are new parishioners at Holy Spirit
- On November 11<sup>th</sup>, Kelsey Marie Thompson, age 5 months, daughter of parishioners Kristina and Stevan Thompson and sister to Samantha

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

- Janice Miller who recently moved to Annandale from Ohio and has joined our parish family
- Christopher Vollmann who lives in Clinton Township

**Deepest and heartfelt sympathy** to new parishioners Joanne and Tony Shallo and their family on the sudden and unexpected death of their oldest son, Anthony, age 21, on October 25<sup>th</sup>. May light perpetually shine upon him. Also, condolences to the Tevebaugh family on the recent death of Anne's father, Joseph Palaszewski. May the dear departed rest in peace.



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