

Trumpeter

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Church of the Holy Spirit

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Holy Spirited Meals



The “angels” have stocked the freezer with tasty homemade meals once again. So, if anyone is in need of a meal or two (or more) this summer, please contact Judy Emmitt or the church office.
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CRISTO REY MISSION TO EXPAND

We would like to expand our Cristo Rey mission by including more members of the parish. The Lenox family's recent experience demonstrated what a wonderful opportunity this can be for the members of CHS. Would you consider visiting Cristo Rey once during the upcoming Church year to share a talent and to be a presence in the Cristo Rey community? We will meet in early September to choose dates and brainstorm interesting topics and activities to share.

Our mission to Cristo Rey is open to all ages. Spanish language skills are not required. There will be a sign up sheet in the Narthex for anyone who has an interest, or you can e-mail Heather Kramer with questions at:
alexian8@embarqmail.com.

Church FAQs: Instructed Eucharist



Why do we stand for the reading of the Gospel but not the Old Testament or Epistle?

The Gospel is a record of what Jesus did and said so it is always given the highest honor.

When is it appropriate to bow or genuflect?

It is our Anglican tradition that as the Cross passes by us in procession we make a slight bow in reverence to the Cross. In the Nicene Creed, at the mention of the time of Christ's incarnation through his crucifixion, it is a custom to bow slightly.

Why do some folks cross themselves? When should this be done?

Many Episcopalians will make the sign of the cross at the mention of the Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. What we are saying with our hands is that we are involving our whole self, our mind, our heart and our whole body. Also at the mention of the resurrection of the body in the Nicene Creed, it is customary to make the sign of the cross in identification that we too shall be raised from the dead. When we sing the Sanctus- Holy Holy Holy- and at the words “Blessed is he that comes in the name of the Lord”, we make the sign of the cross, again identifying ourselves with our Lord and his sacrifice for us.

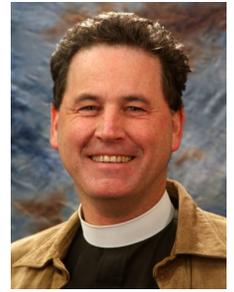
Why do we say the Nicene Creed?

We say the Nicene Creed to reaffirm our faith. This creed was written in the fourth Century in the town of Nicea, in what is now Turkey, by two councils of bishops and others who needed to define the basic truths of orthodox Christian faith in the midst of many variations, distortions or practices that had arisen. It was chosen then to be, and probably still is, the fullest, most succinct statement of Christian belief.

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From the Rector's Desk



At Home and Still On the Way

We Christians live in an Already and Not Yet world. Access to the Almighty is as close as a gentle breeze. But we remain in a world, and in our own lives, in such an obviously imperfect way. Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again. We say these things at Eucharist most Sundays and in these short sentences is summed the cruxating (sic) existence of the faithful. The victory over sin and death is won, but we see our deaths as inexorable and witness global death-dealing every day. Already and Not Yet. We experience the reality of resurrection in our own lives by means of love and comfort, forgiveness and grace, and yet the intransigent return of habit and conflict loom and shadow us. The way forward amidst the tensions of faith and life is returning to prayer. But the better prayer of the pilgrim is not for the removal of conflict but an increase of the Divine Presence.

The pilgrim's prayer is God-filling, a gently emptying of distraction, concern, worry, and pre-occupation. We are wandering pilgrims in a fast-changing landscape and we are all easily swayable. We do not pray for an easier path but a stronger grace in the mind and soul. This kind of prayer life is a murmuring stream that continues its rhythmic babble underneath the noise of the louder and immediately more powerful waves of crashing life. But these waves come and go while the stream of prayer continues on. The verbal content of the prayer is a simple thing; perhaps just, "Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy on me," perhaps just gazing upon an icon of the Holy, perhaps staring at a single aspect of creation in a mind of gratitude- a petal, a twig, a feather. The pilgrim way is accessible more readily in the pulse that happens in the summer months here in the mid-Atlantic. Consider that stream of prayer nearest our souls in these weeks before us.

Philip +

Fall Newcomer Orientation

The Newcomer Orientation for this spring has been completed. Newcomers were welcomed and blessed at the June 1st service.

We are looking forward to our fall sessions. During these sessions, we will discuss the church's mission statement and discover how it applies to our church community and the life of the church. Newcomers will be welcomed and blessed at the end of the sessions.

For more information, contact Liz Cannizzaro:
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PLEDGE CLERK UPDATE

As of May 31st we had 96 pledging families. The current status of the 96 pledges is as follows:

- 24 families are up to date on their pledge
- 22 families are ahead by a total of \$3,962
- 50 families are behind by a total of \$10,555

Of the 46 families that are behind, 14 families are more than 11 weeks behind - totaling \$5,758. As you can see these numbers have increased from the April 30th reported figures. We ask your help in trying to bring your pledge current. As summer nears, it is important for parishioners to stay current with pledges as during this time of year traditionally monies are tight. If there are any concerns about your pledge, please contact either the Senior or Junior Wardens or the pledge clerk.



Thank you for your continued support of CHS and its mission.

Sally Bird

From the Deacon's Corner

Dear Seekers,

On June 22, 2008, I began my seventh year here at Holy Spirit. It has been the most rewarding, eventful and life-giving years of my life. I thank God every day that I am in your presence. Thank you for everything you do to make me feel so loved. This is the **best** place to be.

Recently, I was reading the national Episcopal newsletter entitled, "The Episcopal Life," which comes out every month. In it was an advertisement for the Episcopal Church which spoke to me as I look back on my last six years at Holy Spirit and my life as your Deacon. It said the following:

"Get closer to God. Slice carrots. Experience the nearness of God by serving your neighbors and the world: in shelters, schools, disaster recovery sites, soup kitchens, and more. Join us in entertaining angels unaware. The Episcopal Church: Put your Faith to work."

This is the exact mission that we each share. This is also the exact job description of a Deacon. My job as your Deacon is to enlighten you of the needs of our local community and our world. I am literally the bridge between the church and the world. My job through the years has been enriched with the positive suggestions from many community members as to the needs of others such as the babies at The Scott House. Together we can make a difference in the lives of all members of our human family.

May God continue to bless us all as we get up, go out and get lost in the mission field of our Lord.

I remain faithfully,
Your Deacon,

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FOOD OR FUEL?



Feeling the pinch at the gas pump these days? Well, who isn't! Hopefully, those of you who are reading this are not in a situation where you have to decide between buying groceries or putting gas in your car so you can get to work to pay for the gas, pay the rent, the electric bill, the medical bills, and so forth.

For the overwhelming numbers who have been living on the edge financially before the economic crisis or who have been laid off from their jobs due to the current economic downslide, those decisions are reality (so who needs reality TV these days!). For many, not being able to buy sufficient food to feed the family has become an extreme reality.

Based on the latest information, the service load at many food pantries has tripled in recent months. While some of us may be eating chicken or burgers instead of steak and shrimp,

the folks living through a financial crisis may be eating cereal for more than just breakfast or may not be eating a nutritious, balanced meal.

We at CHS have so many times filled the food baskets to overflowing during the Thanksgiving or Christmas holidays. We tend to neglect this vital ministry at other times. Wouldn't it be a thanksgiving event to fill those baskets every week? If each family in the parish brought in just one or two items per week, it would go a long way to helping those who need it most at this time.

If you haven't already seen the display in the Narthex, take a look at what you could do to help by giving up that morning coffee and bagel once a week or brown-bag it for lunch instead of the combo at the burger joint. It puts a new spin on the parable of the Loaves and Fishes.

Youth Happenings

On a beautiful sunny Sunday morning in June, the youth group took a trip down to Spring Lake.

The original plan was to first attend the service at Father Peter's church before the beach, but the death of the organist delayed the opening of the summer chapel. The weather could not have been better, some getting the first burn of the season.



There were nine youth that went on the trip, with five church members and four friends. Although the water was freezing, some were brave enough to plunge in and enjoy the ocean. Others soaked in the sun improving tans. After the beach, we went out for ice cream, and headed home. The day was definitely successful and a great time for everyone to hang out together before summer.

Caroline Southwick

WORDS FROM OUR SENIOR WARDEN

Here we are, finally into summer. I wish I could say my life gets to slow down, but the weekends still fill up quickly. Before I know it, summer is over and September is here again. Fortunately, my busy life is all good. Well, every once in a while there are some kinks that need to be worked out. As I was reflecting about what to write for this issue, I came across a "Thought for the Day" that put a smile on my face.

"Everything I Need to Know about Life, I Learned from Noah's Ark"

1. Don't miss the boat.
2. Plan ahead. It wasn't raining when Noah built the Ark.
3. Stay fit. When you are 600 years old, someone may ask you to do something really big.
4. Don't listen to your critics; just get on the job that needs to be done.
5. Build your future on high ground.
6. Speed is not always an advantage. The snails were on board before the cheetahs.
7. When you are stressed, float awhile.
8. Remember the Ark was built by amateurs, the Titanic by professionals.



Have a safe & relaxing summer.

Elizabeth vanVeldhuisen

Rectory available for rent

September 2008



Do you know a family or individual looking to rent a house in Clinton Township? They might want to consider the CHS Rectory.

The Rectory Task Force led by Alex vanVeldhuisen has recommended, and the Vestry has approved, the use of the CHS Rectory as rental property to be rented to a family or individual beginning this September.

Ads will be placed in the local newspaper and clean-up days have been scheduled to ready the Rectory for September occupancy.

For more details about renting the Rectory, call or e-mail Alex vanVeldhuisen:

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Engaging Angels

Your Transforming Words and Stories That Uplift,
Encourage and Inspire

Many times we think that our story isn't worth telling. We are not used to telling our story, therefore feeling hesitant is perfectly natural and understandable. Please know that even one paragraph can be inspiring to others. **God usually works in small miraculous ways**, such as a stranger saying just the right thing, a bird landing in just the right place or an unexpected thought or idea. These small moments and movements of God are what we are trying to capture.

You can ask any writer how much encouragement, coaxing and courage are required to write even a few sentences. If you have writer's block and need a little assistance to tell your story, please consider one of these starter sentences:

- I am grateful for the time when...
- It seemed like an incredible coincidence when...
- One small moment of grace was when...
- One day I...



Please note that the date for compiling stories has been extended to **September 30, 2008**. Kimberly Borin will be organizing the stories into a booklet to share with CHS. She will be happy to help you in any way. You may contact her at: storiesofourown@earthlink.net

There is no story too small or insignificant!



July 2008



Church of the Holy Spirit Monthly Planner

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		1 6am Bible Study @ Spinning Wheel Diner	2 12 noon Eucharist	3 4:30pm Somerset County Jail 6:30pm Mountain View Prison	4 Father Philip's Sabbath	5
6 7 8 & 10:15am Holy Eucharist	7 1-3pm Shawl Ministry at Edna Mahan Prison 7pm Knit & Chat	8 6am Bible Study @ Spinning Wheel Diner	9 12 noon Eucharist 5:45pm Edna Mahan Prison	10 4:30pm Somerset County Jail 6:30pm Mountain View Prison	11 Father Philip's Sabbath	12
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Father Philip's Vacation						

Blood Drive - The Gift of Life
Saturday, August 23rd
9 a.m.-12 p.m.



Please consider giving the gift of life. CHS is hosting a blood drive. Donors must be at least 17 years old, weigh at least 110 lbs and be healthy. A mini-health check will be given prior to donation. If you donate regularly, you can donate safely every 56 days. Appointments are required.

For more information, contacts are:
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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER....

August 2nd-9th - Gulf Coast Mission Trip

August 11th - Deadline for September Trumpeter submissions

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

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.



August 2008



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31 Healing Service after <u>both</u> services 8 & 10:15am Holy Eucharist						

Help Wanted—Nursery Scheduler

A volunteer is needed to manage the Nursery Schedule beginning in September. If interested, please contact Trish at (908) 638-4012.



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Sunday Culinary Delights

A Grateful Thank you

Thank you to the wonderful parishioners who gave of themselves to provide spectacular culinary delights for our monthly Sunday Breakfasts this past year: Carol Crawford-Jones, Dabour family, Lynn & Jeff Decker, Faust family, Katie Gnash, Wendy Hallstrom, Maureen Hanley, Marge Keller, Moira Kowalczyk, Jo & Gil Quenton, Leslie Sauerborn, Nancy Schmidt, Megan Schutts, Anne Simpson & the Senior High Class, Mary & Gary Scott, Andra Taylor, Tanzler family, Zinevich family, and Jean Wallace.



Future Volunteers Needed

We are seeking volunteers to continue the Culinary Delights Breakfasts. Assemble a team to provide treats between the two Sunday services beginning on September 7, 2008 and ending in June 2009. You are reimbursed for your food expenses.

Any questions or comments should be directed to Carol Crawford-Jones at: carolcj@prolog.net or 735-4510. Or, you may sign up in the Narthex.

PULSE OF THE PARISH

Congratulations to the following youth who were confirmed at the Church of the Holy Spirit on June 8th by the Right Reverend Harry Shipps, retired Bishop of Georgia at the 10:15 a.m. service. They are Allison Dabour, Matthew Decker, Kaela Edwards, Courtney Gnash, Christopher Guns, Mary Higgins, Dylan Imhoff, Brendan Kelly, Evan Kelly, Connor Lenox, Justin Marinelli William Marinelli, Jeffrey Schmidt, Jake Warren and Richard Zhang.

Congratulations also to all who have recently graduated or will be graduating from high school or college. *"May the road rise up to meet you, may the wind be always at your back, may the sun shine warm upon your face, and the rain fall soft upon your fields..."*

Best wishes to parishioner Sharon Silverstein and John Offutt who were married at Holy Spirit on June 21st. We wish you joy and dreams come true.

Notices for the Sunday Bulletin: Please contact CHS's administrative assistant in the church office--Linda Romanoski (admin@churchholyspirit.org)--when you wish to put a notice in the Sunday Bulletin. Notices need to be in no later than Thursday morning before the Sunday that you wish it to run. Also, let her know how long you wish it to appear. Thank you for your cooperation.

Food Pantry Donations: Please remember to continue to bring in donations for the Food Pantries in our area and put them in the baskets in the Narthex. The needs of those less fortunate do not "go on vacation" over the summer months.



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