



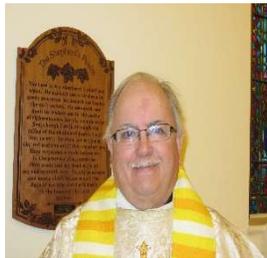
# CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

*"THE LITTLE STONE CHURCH"*

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### **MESSAGE FROM OUR PRIEST:**

*"WHERE DO YOU  
GET YOUR  
INSPIRATION!"*

JEEPERS! What a question! Where do you start?

I suppose if you wanted to sound wise and 'holy,' you could answer with: "Jesus, God, the Bible, and the lives of great people such as Martin Luther, Mother Teresa, and even John F. Kennedy." BUT let's tell the truth! How about Robert Frost, John Wayne and Pooh Bear? I love all three and for three different reasons.

Poems, movies and dreamers all play some part in our own story, journey and decisions. Oh, I could write a whole article on the poems that I love and what they mean to me. "I will arise and go now, and go to Innishfree; and to a cottage built there of ...." The same could be said of great painters: 'the Pre-Raphaelite Brotherhood,' or French Impressionists such as Monet. Our lives and inspiration are often touched by the brush of someone else's genius.

However, on reflection, for most of us our inspiration comes in little ways, precious moments, simple words, from a friend, a teacher, a kin, or a cherished loved one. They are memories that we carry through life. We dip into them from time to time

and they inspire us in so many different ways.

Helen Dudley was a third-grade teacher who went out of her way to take an interest in me. I never quite knew why; maybe because I had lost my mother, or just because, like her, I was Irish in a foreign land. After completing my math problems each day, she gave me access to her special reading books. There were stories about Jesus, saints, and missionaries and explorers. They took me to faraway places, stretched my imagination, and inspired me.

In January 1960, we moved as a family to a small town 70 miles away on the northwest coast of England. We lived in a large house off an air base. Life was composed of school, scouts, soccer, sailing and band practice. Oh! ... I left something out -- church! We seemed to spend a lot of time at church.

Fr. Bernard Hewitt was our priest, and he was as strange and odd as two left feet. He was a traditionalist - kindly, strict, and esoteric in so many ways. From simply 'serving' at Sunday Services, I ended up as his principle altar boy seven days a week. Despite my hands constantly being black from messing with bikes, he seemed to see something in me and my future. He told me of his old College, Ushaw, and how he thought it would be ideal for me. I always thought of him as the quintessential priest -- not perfect but, self-sacrificing and humble. I was inspired!

Joe Devine was my high school principal. He was a man of great character who told me that I could do anything, achieve anything, and be anything. He was a man of faith and a great educator. We need more Joe Devines today and it was due to Joe that I also became a teacher, and I loved teaching. Joe was my inspiration, not just to be a teacher but to be the best teacher I could be. "Never stop learning," he told me." It was inspirational advice.

At College, I dated a girl (let's just call her Genevieve in case my wife reads this!). She introduced me to Pooh Bear, Shultz' Peanuts cartoon, a lot of classical music (such as Paganini), poets by the score, and she convinced me of the importance of dance. There is little that she taught me that I didn't later use with kids in school. Inspirational? Absolutely!

Then there was my Uncle Joe. He was an Irishman in another country. Joe was a charmer too, and devilishly handsome in his younger years. He was a joker, a comic, always. He never went to church. He loved kids but didn't have any of his own, and he was an alcoholic. Not the kind that falls down drunk or gets nasty. Joe was never like that. But he would get sad and talk and talk and talk.

Joe was my friend and treated me like a son. We fished together, sang together, played pool, went on trips to Ireland, sat up all night talking God and religion. The last time we were together before he died of cancer, he told me the one thing he had never told a soul, not even his dear wife Iris. He said he had been sexually assaulted as a little boy at school by a Christian Brother. His tale flooded out, and he cried on my shoulder ... a 71-year old man at the end of his life, a life spent making everyone around him happy. On his death bed a few months later, he sent me a message: "Tell Fr. Bill, I have made peace with my God." Inspirational? Yes, and then some.

Inspiration comes in all shapes and sizes, like the handicapped children I annually took to France during the 1980's. They had love, friendship, emotion, and gratitude; but most of all, they had faith. You came away knowing that being with them was a privilege.

Then there is my friend Karl. He contracted cancer in his 50's but recovered for three years before being hit a second time. He spent six months in Sloane Kettering, where I usually went to see him on Wednesdays. As he slowly recovered after a bone marrow transplant, his dear wife developed stage-4 cancer and died. We did the funeral together, even singing one of her favorite John Denver songs.

Something happened that year also that threw me for a loop. It was like a death, a disaster, maybe even the end of my world. When all the dust cleared, there was just Maryann and me to pick up the pieces ... Until the doorbell rang and there was Karl, older, greyer, thinner. "I told you once, if you ever needed a friend, I would be there for you, Fr. Bill. The day has arrived, you need a friend."

Inspiration? No! More than inspiration, my life has been 'graced!' O, I could go on and on and on. I could fill these newsletters for a year on the graces and inspirations many people have given me. "Count your blessings," the Good Book says. I can't count that high!

I am sure that like me, your own best inspirations have so many faces too, so many fingers and toes. But most of all, they have heart.

Blessings to all,

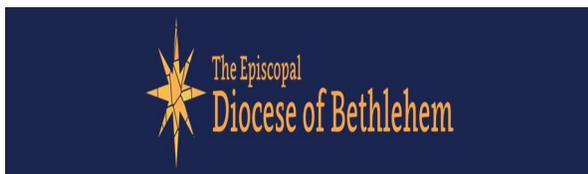
*Fr. Bill*



**MUSIC FUN** – As days begin to cool, it reminds us that Fall and Winter are right around the corner.

After summer vacations, our voices remain strong, and we'll continue to sing for joy. Choir rehearsals will resume on Friday September 7<sup>th</sup>, at 3:00pm. As always, we welcome new choir members – Carol Dennis recently joined us, so how about YOU? Come along, share your voice, and join our Choir FUN!

– Dawn Pentecost



In light of the recent revelations of the sexual abuse by priests in the PA Roman Catholic Dioceses, Bishop Sean recently offered the following prayerful response:

Dear People of God:

In the last several days, our fellow Christians in the Roman Catholic Church here in Pennsylvania have been shaken by the revelations of widespread child sexual abuse committed over many years by clergy in that church and covered up by bishops and other church leaders. The stories detailed in the grand jury report released on Tuesday are horrific and evil, and have shaken to its core the faith of many good people who have trusted in the church their entire lives.

I ask you, first, to join me in praying for the people whose lives have been ripped apart because they were sexually abused by priests or other church leaders. In the face of the unthinkable betrayal they have suffered, may God enfold them in healing mercy and strengthen their spirits with the knowledge that they are perfectly loved. I ask your prayers especially for those victims who were so broken by the abuse they suffered at the hands of clergy and other church leaders that they have ended their own lives and now rest in God's loving arms.

Please also pray for our friends and neighbors who are faithful Roman Catholics, some of whom are

now struggling with the faith they have placed in the church, and for the lay and clergy leaders of the Roman Catholic dioceses in Pennsylvania who have cooperated with this investigation and now must find ways to repent for the abuse and rebuild a more accountable, transparent structure.

In the Episcopal Church, we are not strangers to news of abuse and betrayal by our leaders. For some of us, the news of the grand jury report may have stirred up memories of our own grief and anger when we have learned that a priest or bishop we have known has abused children or been complicit in covering up abuse. For some of us who began our lives as Roman Catholics, this news may have reopened old wounds. And for some of us who have been victims of abuse, this news may trigger anger, sadness and trauma. If you find that, in the wake of this news, you would like to talk confidentially with me or with a member of the clergy about issues of sexual abuse in the church, please call the diocesan office in Northwestern Pennsylvania at 814-456-4203 or the diocesan office in Bethlehem at 610-691-5655.

The church must be a place where people can come with the deepest wounds and vulnerabilities and be safe, and our churches must be places where children are nurtured and respected and cared for and never harmed or abused in any way. As your bishop, I am deeply committed to the safety and well-being of everyone who attends our churches and diocesan programs. In recent years, our dioceses have strengthened our misconduct policies and procedures, and are places where we make every effort to deal both responsibly and responsively with complaints and allegations of misconduct. We make reports to the appropriate civil authorities when child abuse is suspected. All of our clergy, staff and volunteers who work with children are required to complete training called Safeguarding God's Children, and we follow misconduct policies based on the model policy of the Church Pension Group.

Thank you for your prayers and care for our Roman Catholic friends and family during these difficult days, and for your active involvement in ensuring that our churches are safe places for all of God's children.

Faithfully, *+ Sean*

The Rt. Rev. Sean W. Rowe Bishop of Northwestern Pennsylvania  
Bishop Provisional of Bethlehem



teachers at Forest City School District are the contacts that let Christ Church know what the children need.

So as Christmas approaches each year, the school gives us a list of children's ages, genders, and clothing needs (no names). The congregation buys what is necessary; and the mittens, gloves, coats, boots, etc. are given to the school for them to distribute to each child as needed. Christ Church is also part of a winter coat give-away, with sizes from babies, toddlers, children, and adult. The coats are 'gently' used (including boots, mittens, scarves, and blankets), which are given away to the public free of charge. There is no limit as to what each person or family may take. It is truly a much-needed outreach in which Christ Church participates.

Along that same line, the ladies of the church started a Free Community Lunch that they put on once a month. Besides providing free food to the public, Christ Church has found out from experience that what most of these people want is a chance to socialize with one another. The meal begins at Noon; but most of the people are there until two o'clock or later, as lunch has become a social event for most of them. A lot of the older patrons live alone, and they look forward to seeing others, having a meal, and spending time talking.

Forest City was built on the side of a mountain and so most buildings are two-storied, with stairs getting into the building, and more stairs rising to the second floor.

All the churches in Forest City are built with the church hall on the first floor, and steps going up to the church on the second floor. Christ Church is no different. But as our congregation ages, it became more difficult for the disabled to come to church and manage to walk the stairs. And so, to make the church more inclusive for the disabled, Christ Church installed an elevator. People can come into the church

through the church hall and take the elevator upstairs to attend church.

And although the church is small in comparison with other churches, some people were having trouble hearing the priest. So, microphones were placed on the lecterns, the priest has a walking mike - all being fed through an amplifier. It has solved the problem of not being able to hear the service.

This summer has been especially hot and humid; and after several large funerals that packed the church on hot summer days, Fr. Bill McGinty suggested that it would not take much to air-condition the church so that the church experience would be more comfortable. Within two weeks of announcing that air-conditioning would be possible, the congregation had raised enough money to do so. Since then, the air-conditioning has been installed, much to the delight of the congregation.

In the meantime, the organ was giving us problems. We never knew when it would cut out and leave us music-less. (It happened during one of the funerals.) We were glad to receive that organ (it was used). Our old organ (from the 60's) had been deemed unfixable by the organ repairman. And that same week we were contacted by the family of a man who had owned a Hammond that they wished to donate, possibly to a church. We were more than happy to take the organ, and it worked for us for a couple years.

Then little quirks started working their way into the music. We called a professional Hammond repairman who informed us that this particular model was known for having problems. He suggested that we really should try to get a different organ.

God intervened again and sent us a family who wished to donate the money to get a new organ. Needless to say, Christ Church has purchased a refurbished Allen

Organ that will be installed sometime in August or September 2018.

Fr. McGinty is leading the church through congregational and vestry retreats during which we are again looking to the future to see what we can do better. Our next project is to be more inclusive for the children of the church and the children of the town.

What 's going on in Christ Church is exciting as we move into the "New Changing Times." Come and worship.

- Dawn Pentecost



## **EUCCHARISTIC MINISTRY**

For most of us, coming to the table during Mass means just that ... we walk up to the altar to share Christ's meal, to enjoy Communion with one another.

But in recent months, we have seen more of our friends and family members become homebound or move to nursing homes. When this happens, they are less able to attend church. And as this occurs all around us – in Christ Church and in our sister parishes – we are all in need of additional Eucharistic Visitors who can bring Mass directly to them.

Eucharistic Visitors are lay persons who are trained and authorized to take the consecrated elements to congregational members who are too ill or infirm to attend Mass. The special training is required so as to be licensed by the Bishop for this special ministry.

Training for all lay persons interested in becoming Eucharistic Visitors will be offered on Saturday September 23rd, 2:00-5:00 PM, at Grace Episcopal Church, 827 Church Street, Honesdale. The cost-free session will be led by Rev. Ed Erb, rector at Grace.

As a Eucharistic Visitor, YOU can do a great service to the growing numbers of those we know and love who are unable to attend church. Anyone who has the strength of faith and heart to help someone else can become a Eucharistic Visitor.

Don't let our shut-ins feel like forgotten members. Please RSVP via [edwardkerb@aol.com](mailto:edwardkerb@aol.com). If you have any questions about this service or the training, please contact a Vestry member or Bob Schreiber, Emily Maslar, or Karen Toolan.



## **NEWS from the PEWS**

### **September/October Calendar Dates**

#### **September**

- Sept. 9: Welcome back breakfast
- Sept. 15: Ordination of IX Bishop of Bethlehem
- Sept. 16: Vestry Meeting, 1:00 PM Christ Church
- Sept. 22: Community Meal
- Sept. 2: Eucharistic Visitor training, Grace, Honesdale

#### **October**

- Oct. 7: Blessing of the pets
- Oct. 5 & 6: Diocesan Convention
- Oct. 13: Fall Pork Dinner
- Oct. 21: Vestry Meeting 1:00 PM at Christ Church
- Oct. 27: Community Meal

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**Our Parish is So Cooooool!** – Our air conditioning is installed and operating thanks to a memorial donation in memory of Carl & Florence Bernhardt, and contributions from Fr. Bill McGinty and Ed Sherwood. We are very blessed by the generosity of our church family and friends. Funds for the air conditioning were raised in record time, within two weeks of Fr Bill suggesting a fund for air

conditioning. The local contractor, Paul's HVAC Service, promised and delivered installation in a few days of starting the project. Our sanctuary has been made more comfortable for us and for our visitors during the hot summer months. An added benefit is that the air conditioning units work in reverse during our long winters, by pumping in heat. This improvement has made Christ Church a more welcoming place.

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**Trinity Arts Fest –**

On September 22<sup>nd</sup>,  
10:00am-2:00pm,  
and September  
23<sup>rd</sup>, Noon-4:00pm,  
Trinity Church will  
host an Arts

Festival at the parish. Arts of all kinds are welcomed: paintings, drawings, jewelry, photography, woodwork, and more! But all art must be created (like Fr. Bill's own work!). Just \$20 per space (tables, \$5). A dessert bar with homemade treats will be available, including 'make your own sundaes!' To sign up or for additional information, contact Debbie Minton at [trinitychurch@echoes.net](mailto:trinitychurch@echoes.net).



**OUR CHURCH FAMILY –**

Peg and Bob Wirts are happy to share news of their daughter Amy.

A Commander in the US Coast Guard, Amy retired on June 22<sup>nd</sup>, with 20 years of active duty. With a lifetime love of the water, joining the USCG was a natural choice for Amy; she graduated in 1998 from the CGA, majoring in Marine Environmental Sciences, subsequently earning a Master of Science in Physical Oceanography from the University of Washington.

Amy retired as the Chief of Waterways Management in Alameda CA and has

enjoyed a successful career that took her to many places, including Washington DC, Western Pacific Islands, Hawaii, Guam.

Married to USCG Commander Thomas D'Arcy, the couple has a wonderful eight-year old son, Olin. Following retirement, Amy will pursue a Master of Marine Affairs degree at the University of RI.

Two of our own Christ Church congregants graduated from high school this year ... Katelyn Dovin from Carbondale Area High School and Madison Gasper from Forest City Regional High School. Katelyn and Madison were stand-outs in their respective classes. Both were in the National Honor Society (NHS) and Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA). And each was involved in student government at their schools.

Katelyn received the Barb Consagra Memorial Scholarship for Athletics and Academics. She will be attending West Chester University, majoring in Exercise Science and Pre-Occupational Therapy and minoring in Spanish and Physical Education for Children with Disabilities.

Madison received the American Red Cross Scholarship. She will be attending Bloomsburg University, majoring in Early Childhood Development and Special Education. Madison's interest is in teaching.

Warmest congratulations to Jenn & Jim Dovin, to Donna & Brian Gasper, and to Peg & Bob Wirts on the many successes of their children. While Katelyn and Madison are just beginning their journey into the world to make their mark, Amy's own world will continue to expand as well in new and different ways.

We at Christ Church are very proud of all our youth and their parents ... thank you to each of our congregants for being a part of their parish world too.



## The Stone Soup Kitchen at Christ Church

One cannot get tired of hearing that Christ Church's Free Community Lunch program is still running and getting stronger each month. Everyone loves us ... the cooks, the volunteers, and the many folks who join us month after month!

While I'll continue to ask for your generously helpful support to purchase items for our various meals, we'll also welcome any among you who would like to join us, lending a hand with table set-ups, cooking in the kitchen, or to just enjoying our meals and ever-growing fellowship. It's all so great!

Our free lunch fund continues to grow too, with heartfelt thanks to donations via grants and folks to drop a free-will 'surprise' into the little church box. Last month, Doris Young presented us with a wonderful \$100 donation from the Forest City Senior Center!



While your grocery donations help round out our meals, the monetary funds help keep our purchasing costs down to buy the meats for our entrees. We're truly blessed. And, too, because one couple (who wants to remain anonymous) has purchased the meats needed for many of our meals. Thanks be to God for all of you!

Due to such support from sources noted here, we're confident that our free lunch program will continue to serve our community for quite some time to come. Additionally, the monetary funds have

helped us provide and refill some of the items shared by our church kitchen (i.e., paper products, coffee, etc.)

Goodness ... when Christ Church folks get an idea as they did with our lunch program nearly three years ago, they can sure make things happen!

PRAISES for your ongoing support. As always, thanks so much for all your participation. - Susie Schreiber



## **HAPPENINGS in and AROUND OUR NEIGHBORHOODS**

### **Your Mental Health First Aid Training -**

Know the signs; learn the actions; be a lifeline: Friday September 21<sup>st</sup>, 8:00am-4:30pm; Park Street Complex Library, 648 Park Street, Honesdale.

For the general public and anyone who regularly interacts with adolescents, this 8-hour certification course will introduce participants to the unique risk factors and warning signs of mental health problems, helping to build an understanding of the importance of yearly intervention. It will teach how to help a young person in crisis, or who may be experiencing a mental health or substance-abuse challenge.

Participants will not learn to diagnose, or how to provide any therapy or counseling. They will learn a core five-step action plan to support an adolescent developing signs and symptoms of mental illness or are in an emotional crisis. This course will use role-playing and simulations to demonstrate how to assess such a crisis, select interventions and provide initial help, and connect young people to a professional, peer, or a self-help cure.

To register call 610-379-2001 or email [Clynd@ecneahec.org](mailto:Clynd@ecneahec.org). Course fee is \$10 (includes course materials, continental

breakfast/lunch); professionals and educators may be eligible for CEUs.

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**Browndale Fire Company Trip** – A bus trip to the Yuengling Brewery & Cabela's sports shop will be held on Saturday September 22<sup>nd</sup>. The bus will leave the Browndale Fire Co. at 7:30am, returning about 8:30pm. The first stop will be a tour at the brewery, then on to Cabela's; lunch is on your own, with a stop for supper on the way home.

Benefitting the Browndale Fire Co., the cost is \$55/pp and includes bus transportation, brewery admission, driver tip, water and snacks on the bus. For more information, contact Juliann Doyle at 570-499-4908, or email [jdoyle@nep.net](mailto:jdoyle@nep.net).

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**Share the Journey** – Saturday September 29<sup>th</sup>, the third annual Wayne/Pike Suicide Awareness, Prevention & Awareness Walk will be held at the Wallenpaupack Area High School in Hawley. Registration will begin at 10:00am, with the walk to follow.

The event is open to the public (NO pets allowed). This family-friendly walk helps to fight suicide and support those who have lost someone to suicide. Together we will walk to share our grief and honor our loved ones; to raise awareness that most suicides are the result of severe depression; to fight the stigma that stops people from asking for help; to raise funds in our loved one's name to provide local suicide prevention programs; to offer our community programs the most recent information on suicide prevention.

ALL donations collected for Wayne and Pike Counties stay in our counties. Identify your county and register via [www.northeast-suicide-prevention-initiative.org](http://www.northeast-suicide-prevention-initiative.org); or donate at the event

You may register and donate the day of the event or click on register and enter Wayne or Pike County. We hope to see you at the walk on Saturday, September 29th. For

more information please contact Ms. Michelle Valinski at (570) 253-9200.

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**October 7<sup>th</sup>** – Bring your favorite furry, feathered, or finned friends to the Browndale Fire Dept. on Sunday September 30<sup>th</sup> for the annual **Blessing of the Pets**. Fr. Bill will bless them all from 1:00-2:30 pm. (Please leash your pets.)



**TIME CHANGES** – Before you go to bed Saturday evening November 3<sup>rd</sup>, be sure to set your clocks **BACK one (1) hour**. If you don't, then you'll miss Mass!

### **LOOKING AHEAD to 2019:**



#### **ST. JAMES-DUNDAFF**

**JULY 20, 2019** – Mark your calendars now and start cleaning out your attic, closets, and garages, and any place where collectibles, discards, and someone else's treasures tend to gather. Both parishes will share in the work effort, and proceeds. Details to follow, so watch your weekly bulletins.



#### **HERE'S WHAT'S COOKIN' in OUR CHURCH KITCHEN**

This tasty treat offered by **Shirley** has become a coffee hour favorite. Enjoy!

(The newsletter Church Mice are looking for some new recipes to share in upcoming issues. Have some winter-warming soups, entrées, casseroles, or holiday dessert

favorites of your own to share? Drop your recipes in the offering plate, or contact a Church Mouse. Thanks!)

**RHUBARB BARS**

Preheat oven 350F Prepare greased 9" x 13" pan

**Ingredients**

**1<sup>st</sup> Layer:**

- 2 c. flour
- 1 c. butter

Mix thoroughly and pour bar/cake batter into pan. Bake 10 mins.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Layer:**

- 1 c. heavy cream
- 5 c. rhubarb, cubed
- 7 Tbs. flour 3 eggs, beaten
- 2 c. sugar

Mix thoroughly and pour over first layer; make 40-45 mins. Cool when done.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Layer:**

- ½ 10X (confectioners) sugar
- 1 c. whipping cream, whipped
- 6 oz. cream cheese
- Vanilla, to taste

Mix and spread over cooled cake.

(Substitute: You could also use a whipped topping.)



**CHURCH VESTRY**

Monthly Vestry meetings are generally held on the third Sunday after mass and coffee hour in the church Undercroft. All

are welcome to attend.

**Current Vestry Members & Contacts:**

- Ruth Niblick (term ends 1/31/21)
- Bob Schreiber (term ends 1/31/19)
- Susie Schreiber (term ends 1/31/19)
- David Seaman (term ends 1/31/21)
- Dawn Pentecost (term ends 1/31/20)
- Juliann Doyle, Vestry Secretary
- Jack DeMark, Sr. Warden, Ex Officio



**STAY IN TOUCH** with the Christ Church office. Via the parish phone, 570-785-3425 (please leave a message, the line is regularly checked). Or by email:

[www.christchurchparishforestcity@gmail.com](mailto:www.christchurchparishforestcity@gmail.com).

We also have two web sites: [www.christchurchforestcity.com](http://www.christchurchforestcity.com) is the official church web site.

The second website is: [www.christchurchforestcity.shutterfly.com](http://www.christchurchforestcity.shutterfly.com). This site contains photos of some of our recent activities. You can also sign up to become a member and receive email notices of events that are on the web site calendar.

Mail should be directed to Christ Church, PO Box 118, Forest City, PA 18421. For church emergencies or situations requiring immediate attention, please call Sr. Warden, Jack DeMark, at 570-540-5936 or 570-785-5792. – Bob Schreiber, Church Secretary



**SEPTEMBER**

- 3 Maureen Matylewicz
- 11 Brian Seaman
- 12 Velma Hornbeck  
Pierce Seaman
- 14 Barbara Taylor
- 25 Ashley Armstrong

**OCTOBER**

- 4 Susan Dovin
- 5 Samantha Atcavage  
Debbie McQuillan
- 6 Barbara Glenwright
- 8 Marie Seaman
- 9 Bob Glenwright
- 12 Elmer Maslar  
Marlyn Bernard
- 14 Faith Collum
- 15 Jeanne Suhadolnik

- 19 Deborah Zane
- 27 Lorraine Jones  
Fr Bill McGinty
- 27 Carol Dennis

**BIRTHDAY PRAYER:** *O God, our times are in your hands. Look with favor, we pray, on your servants listed on our birthday list as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives. And so, teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*



**SEPTEMBER**

- 12 Jennifer & James Dovin  
Barbara & Bob Glenwright
- 17 The Rev Donald & Sharon Schaible

**OCTOBER**

- 5 Margaret & Robert Wirts
- 13 Juliann & Robert Doyle
- 14 Janet & Tom Seana
- 26 John & Priscilla Walters
- 28 Fr. Steve Matylewicz Ordained

**MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARY PRAYER:**

*Grant, O God, in your compassion, that the couples on our anniversary list, having taken each other in marriage, may live out the covenant they have made, may they grow in forgiveness, loyalty and love; and come at last to the eternal joys which you have promised through Jesus Christ our Lord; and may the blessing of God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be with them, this day and forever. Amen*



**HYMN HUMOR**

This one is fun for all. Find your profession or business and your “personal” hymn is listed.

**Your Profession**

**Your Hymn**

- Dentist - Crown Him with Many Thorns
- Weatherman - There Shall be Showers of Blessings
- Contractor - Church's One Foundation
- OBGYN - Come Labor On
- Golfer - Here is a Green Hill Far Away
- Optometrist - Open My Eyes That I May See
- Realtor - I've Got a Mansion Just Over the Hilltop
- Postal Worker - Children Go Where I Send Thee
- Geologist - Rock of Ages
- Librarian - Whispering Hope

- Shared by Dawn Pentecost

**CLOSING THOUGHTS...**

*“There is only one goal: To give your greatest effort. If someone else gets better results than you, honor them. But maintain your own self-respect for offering your best. This will give you confidence against any foe.”*

- Jay Wright, Villanova men's basketball coach; via Guidepost Magazine

**THE NEXT PARISH NEWS**



will be for November/December 2018; article submissions are due by October 19<sup>th</sup>. Please email your newsletter sharings and photos to Karen Toolan, [kbtwrite@nep.net](mailto:kbtwrite@nep.net); or post them to 993 State Route 2029, Clifford Twp. PA 18470.

As always, if anyone from Christ Church would like to become one of our fun-loving, news-gathering, and photo-snapping fellow Church Mice, please contact the church office. More mice and more photos are always welcomed!

Until the next issue, enjoy God's glorious colors of Fall!

*The Roving Church Mice.*

