

**NORTH PARISH  
December 2012  
NEWSLETTER**

**THRU THE HANDS OF GOD -  
ONE HAND HELPING ANOTHER  
(North Parish's Mission Statement)**



**From Father Tim's Desk**

**"Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." (Luke 21:27-28)**

**The Advent season marks the beginning of a new church year and it is a time of preparation and anticipation that ends with a joyous remembrance of our Lord's first coming as a babe wrapped in swaddling cloth; but Luke's passage from the first Sunday of Advent reminds us that what we are waiting for and what we are preparing for is the Lord's second coming. A coming not as a diminutive babe in a manger, but rather a coming in majesty and power and glory, as King of Kings and Lord of Lords. What we are waiting for and preparing for is the reign of God on earth, in every place, and in every heart. It will be a reign marked by righteousness and justice, where all evil has been vanquished, and all darkness swept away by eternal light. Of course no one knows when this day will actually come so we are called to stay awake and be ready. But what is it that we should actually be DOING during the Advent season?**

**There is a story that Mother Teresa once told about a time she came down with a terrible fever. Her temperature climbed and she became delirious. She had a vision of being at the gates of heaven and telling St. Peter that she was ready to pass from this world to the next. But St. Peter refused her entry into the high vault of heaven. Mother Teresa asked why. Peter replied: "Because there are no slums in heaven." Peter turned Mother Teresa back from heaven's gate because there was work left for her to do on earth. Her calling was in the slums of earth not in the glory of heaven. Our calling as Christian disciples is to make Advent more about earth than heaven. We must be like Peter at heaven's gate. We must remind ourselves that there is work to be done as we wait for the Lord; and the best way to wait is to work for the kingdom—to work for justice and righteousness in all the world. That is what Mother Teresa did with her time on planet earth and that is what we are called to do with our time as well.**

**This Advent, imagine what the reign of God COULD look like, and then stand up and raise your heads and look around you. What do you see? What is it that you can do to make what you see around you look like the kingdom of God you imagine? We are running out of time. There is work to be done as we wait. Stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.**



## CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR OUR SHUT-INS OF THE PARISH

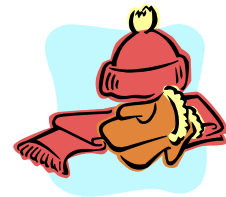
Please remember the following shut-ins of our Parish this Christmas by sending them a Christmas Card. Please call Shannon, our Parish Secretary at 874-4532 for any addresses. If you are a shut-in and are not on our list please call the church office.

Roy Amour  
Ethel Friel  
Verna Bosak  
Theresa Robbins  
Thelma Morgan

Ruby Powanda  
Mary Price  
Anna Hesse  
Betty Haverty, Caregiver



## WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE



North Parish is hosting a winter clothing drive from December 2- 16. We are collecting hats, scarves, gloves and coats for all ages. Your donations will be given to a local charity. Thank you for helping those in need.

## FOOD BANK MINISTRY



During the month of December we will be collecting cranberry sauce for the local food banks. Thank you for your generous support with this ministry. If you are in need of food assistance, please call the church office at 874-4532 and we will direct you to a local food pantry.



## CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

- 5:30 p.m. – Christ Church, Frackville  
Celebrant – The Rev. James C. Smith
- 9:30 p.m. – Holy Apostles, St. Clair  
Celebrant – The Rev. Timothy Albright
- 7:30 p.m. – St. John’s, Ashland  
Celebrant – The Rev. James C. Smith

The Vestry and Clergy of North Parish wish each one of you a Blessed and Merry Christmas!

# North Parish October 2012 Financial Report

## North Parish Receipts

General Account		
	Oct-12	\$ 4,619.68
Year to Date Gen. Receipts		\$54,627.13
Transfer in from M&I Year to date		\$25,000.00

M&I Account		
	Oct-12	\$ 1,288.14
Year to date		\$ 6,724.35

Memorial Account		
	Oct-12	\$ 1.64
Year to date		\$ 137.73

	Balances	
<b>General Account</b>		\$ 8,754.44
<b>M&amp;I Account</b>		\$ 8,768.45
<b>Memorial Account</b>		\$14,258.29
<b>Total Funds available</b>		\$31,781.18

## North Parish Disbursements

General Account		
	Oct-12	\$ 4,257.04
Year to Date Exp.		\$81,733.79

M&I Account		
	Oct-12	\$ -
Year to date		\$25,023.75

Memorial Account		
	Oct-12	\$ -
Year to date		\$ 20.00



## Vestry Highlights - October 28, 2012

The minutes of the September 9, 2012 meeting were approved and the Treasurer's reports were accepted as printed.

Nick Lane will get a price on a survey of Holy Apostles property.

The Bishop's visit will be November 18<sup>th</sup> at St. John's at 9:00 a.m. followed by a reception. There will be 6 children confirmed and 1 adult received.

A Free Thanksgiving dinner will be held Nov. 22 at Holy Apostles. Volunteers are needed Nov. 21 and 22.

A group will meet Nov. 14, 6:00 p.m. at Christ Church to review what committees are needed by North Parish and their functions.

The following vestry officers were elected:

**Jr. Warden** – Bob Tiley

**Clerk of Vestry** – Bonnie Baker

**Treasurer** – Elaine Ulceski

Thank you to Nick Lane and Bonnie Hynoski for their many years of service to North Parish as Jr. Warden and Clerk of Vestry.

Charlotte Smith announced that Christ Church ECW will be donating \$2,000 to the oil fund. North Parish is very grateful for this generous donation.

Nest Vestry meeting will be held December 2<sup>nd</sup>, Christ Church at 1:30 p.m.





# PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Fr. Kimberly Brooks, Todd Leshar, Eleanor Mihal, Darlene Frye, Darryl Corewell, Matthew Miggins, Jason Noble, Anne Joyce, Fred Lane, Kimmel family, Edith Hoffman, Holly, Ann C., Lana Dawn Lucas, Gary Boose, Kyle and Karl Schu, Samantha Scholl, Bob Jones, Sr., Maria Machos, Judee Sorrentino, Pam Sapp, Josh, Mark Rauco, Cheyenne Sheipe, Virginia M. Bushyager, Bonnie Lecher, Theresa Price, Jackie Jones-Allison, Theresa Robbins, Suzanne Glick Connor, Charlotte Smith, Thelma Morgan, Jim Spieles, Jr., Judy Demyan, June Leshar, Steven Leshar, Russell Leshar, Helen Tanis, Lois Blyler, Barbara Matern, Verna Bosak, Michael Lane, Ethel Friel, Kristin Lecher, Suzette Pogash, Mary Catherine Glick, Kay Fertig, Charles J. Wylam, Mary Faith Goodman

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS SERVING HERE AND ABROAD.**

**PRAYER LIST POLICY:** To request a person to be placed on the prayer list, please call the church office (874-4532) with the person's full name; also the person who is making the request must leave their name and phone number. There will be no time limit to how long a person can stay on the prayer list, however, please call the office when your prayer request has been met so the list will stay updated. Thank you.

**BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS:** You may have noticed that during Sunday services our priests have designated a spot in the service for birthday and anniversary blessings. If you would like a birthday or anniversary blessing, please let our priests know during the announcements that it is your special day.

## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS



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| 2 – Joshua Jacobs                                 | 14 - Albert Leibig                             |
| 4 – Jennifer Evans<br>Janis Idell                 | 15 – Dakotah Hewes                             |
| 8 – Randall Snyder                                | 18 – Robert Scheuren                           |
| 9 – Edith Hoffman                                 | 20 – Amaya Rae Becker<br>Ashley Lynn Charkaway |
| 10 – Brooklyn Hewes                               | 21 – Clayton Demcher                           |
| 11 – Anna Menuchak                                | 23 – Jane Shaqfeh                              |
| 12 – Holly Noble<br>Sue O'Neill<br>Michael Leshar | 26 – John Price, Jr.<br>Stephen Ulceski        |
| 14 – Justin T. Hughes                             | 27 – Mary Alice Reese                          |
|   | 30 – Ethel George                              |

**If you would like your name added to the birthday list or if your birthday is listed incorrectly please call the church office at 874-4532.**



## 2013 Episcopal Kalendars

The 2013 church calendars have arrived. Please call the church office at 874-4532 to order your calendar. Calendar donations are \$3.00 each.

## NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

All articles for the January Newsletter should be submitted to our Parish Secretary, Shannon no later than December 7th. Volunteers are needed on Wednesday, December 26<sup>th</sup>, 1:30 p.m. at Christ Church to help fold the newsletter. If you would like to sponsor the Newsletter (\$10) please call Shannon by the Deadline.



## THANK YOU NOTES

Thank you to Christ Church's Episcopal Church Women for their generous donation of \$2,000.00 towards the fuel fund.

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Fall UTO offering. We collected \$81.40.

Dear North Parish,  
You're such a blessing. Thank you for everything. Thanks for all your faithfulness.  
Frackville Ministerium Food Bank



Please call the church office if:

- your address changes
- if a loved one has been admitted to the hospital
- if you have a prayer concern
- if there is any way we can assist you

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Church Office Address: North Parish, P.O. Box 487, Frackville, PA 17931

Church Office Email Address: [nparish@ptd.net](mailto:nparish@ptd.net)

Church Office Hours: Wednesdays & Thursdays: 1:00-5:15pm, Fridays: 1:00-4:30pm

Website: [www.northparish.com](http://www.northparish.com)

Senior Warden – Mary Umlauf – (570) 875-3559

# NORTH PARISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH SERVICES

## December 2012

December 2	Holy Eucharist	9:00 a.m.	St. John's	The Rev. James C. Smith
	Holy Eucharist	11:00 a.m.	Christ Church	The Rev. James C. Smith
	Holy Eucharist	11:00 a.m.	Holy Apostles	The Rev. Timothy Albright
December 9	Holy Eucharist	9:00 a.m.	St. John's	The Rev. Timothy Albright
	Holy Eucharist	11:00 a.m.	Christ Church	The Rev. Timothy Albright
	Holy Eucharist	11:00 a.m.	Holy Apostles	The Rev. James C. Smith
December 16	Morning Prayer	9:00 a.m.	St. John's	Donald Clamser, Sr.
	Morning Prayer	11:00 a.m.	Christ Church	Robert Tiley
	Holy Eucharist	11:00 a.m.	Holy Apostles	The Rev. James C. Smith
December 23	Holy Eucharist	9:00 a.m.	St. John's	The Rev. Timothy Albright
	Holy Eucharist	11:00 a.m.	Christ Church	The Rev. Timothy Albright
	Holy Eucharist	11:00 a.m.	Holy Apostles	The Rev. James C. Smith
December 24	Holy Eucharist	5:30 p.m.	Christ Church	The Rev. James C. Smith
	Holy Eucharist	9:30 p.m.	Holy Apostles	The Rev. Timothy Albright
	Holy Eucharist	7:30 p.m.	St. John's	The Rev. James C. Smith
December 30	Holy Eucharist	9:00 a.m.	St. John's	The Rev. James C. Smith
	Holy Eucharist	11:00 a.m.	Christ Church	The Rev. James C. Smith
	Holy Eucharist	11:00 a.m.	Holy Apostles	The Rev. Timothy Albright

	Notes:	Color:
December 2	The First Sunday of Advent	Purple
December 9	The Second Sunday of Advent	Purple
December 16	The Third Sunday of Advent	Purple
December 23	The Fourth Sunday of Advent	Purple
December 24	The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ	White
December 30	The First Sunday after Christmas Day	White