

**NORTH PARISH
January 2013
NEWSLETTER**

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



From Fr. Tim's Desk

“ . . to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. . . (Luke2:11)

Sometimes at Christmas we get lost in the grand scheme of things and Norman Rockwell images of angels, and shepherds, and Joseph and Mary, and the manger and the coming of the Magi and joy to the whole world. But this Christmas season take a step back and concentrate on just two simple words spoken to the shepherds that wondrous night some two thousand years ago . . TO YOU. To YOU is born a Savior. From God. To YOU. With love. Isaiah tells us that his name is Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace and that his kingdom will never end. To YOU. From God. With love.

In the Word made flesh our God has come near, very near, and makes his relationship with all of us personal, really personal, for YOU. No longer shrouded in a cloud by day or a pillar of flame by night. No longer a distant disembodied voice on a remote mountain top. Now in flesh appearing as one of us. A God who entered into a sinful world not to condemn it, but rather to save it, to save me, to save YOU. No longer a God who seemed to move in and out of human history, now a God who is with us, with me, with YOU, every moment of every day. To YOU. From God. With love.

In the prologue to his gospel St. John writes “ . . he came into own and his own knew him not.” This Christmas season as we celebrate his coming into the world and as we begin the walk toward Calvary take the opportunity to get to know Him better. To YOU. From God. With love.



The Vestry and Clergy of North Parish, wishes you and your family a New Year filled with health, joy and happiness.



JANUARY MEMORIALS



WINE & WAFERS: In loving memory of Robert J. Price by Price and Franko families.
In loving memory of Matt Wylam by wife Peggy.
In loving memory of Laura Mather by Roy Amour.

BULLETINS: In loving memory of Harry Strobel by Roy Amour.
In loving memory of Jack Blake by wife Ann and Wylam family.
In loving memory of Earl Hess by Carol and Bob Jones.

SANCTUARY CANGLES: In loving memory of the Smith family by Charlotte Smith.
In loving memory of Bertha E. Deans Price by Price and Franko families.
In loving memory of Timothy Strunk by the Strunk and Ulceski families.



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 February Newsletter should be submitted to our Parish Secretary, Shannon no later than January 9th. Volunteers are needed on Wednesday, January 23rd, 1:30 p.m. at Christ Church to help fold the newsletter.



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

Church Office Phone: (570) 874-4532

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

Church Office Email Address: nparish@ptd.net

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

Website: www.northparish.com

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

Clergy – The Reverend Timothy Albright; The Reverend James C. Smith



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Melanie Boxter, John Hauk, 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, 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.

SPECIAL INTENTION: Your prayers are asked for Ethel M. Friel a member of North Parish who attended Christ Church. Ethel entered into eternal life on November 22, 2012. May God grant Ethel eternal rest and give comfort to all who knew and loved her.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

4 – Karl Schu
7 – William Noble
9 – Bruce Goodman
11 – Heike Elizabeth Goodman
Shelley Price
Boyd Shaqfeh
Ava Correll
12 – Warren Lane
Kelsey Shanoskie
Marina Shanoskie
Donald Clamser, Sr.
13 – Cade Bleashka
Verna Bosak

15 – Cora Lynn Ortiz
17 – John Dresch
19 – Tracie Miller
21 – Steven Leshar
Elaine Ulceski
22 – Robert J. Higgins
Lexie Scanlan
23 – Andrea Chapman
Meghan McGlone
25 – Logan Lombel
29 – Kenneth Brennan Jr.
31 – Rylan Walchak



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.



CONFIRMATION AND RECEPTION

The following youth were confirmed by Bishop Jack on November 18, 2012.

Ty Kooper Androshick
Julia Irene Foerster
Gage Avery Harkins

Clayton Evan Demcher
Dylan Christopher Harkins
Ryan David Lindenmuth

We also welcome Lisa Ann Lindenmuth who was received by Bishop Jack that day as well.

Strengthen, O Lord your servants with your Holy Spirit; empower them for your service; and sustain them all the days of their lives. Amen.

- Book of Common Prayer pg. 418



THANK YOU NOTES

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Bishop's Visit in November. A special thank you goes out to Bonnie Baker for teaching the Confirmation Class.

We also like to thank everyone who helped and gave donations for the Thanksgiving Dinner at Holy Apostles. We served 180 dinners. We are truly blessed!

Thank you to everyone who donated winter clothing. Your gifts will be given to a local charity to help keep people warm this winter.



FOOD BANK MINISTRY

During the month of January we will be collecting canned fruit 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.

Vestry Highlights – December 2, 2012

The minutes of the October 12, 2012 meeting were approved and the Treasurer's reports were accepted as printed.

Bob Tiley will call Reading Electric about the organ motor at St. John's.

A Free Thanksgiving dinner was held Nov. 22 at Holy Apostles. 180 meals were served. Thanks to everyone who helped.

There will be an insert in the bulletin and a notice in the newsletter asking parishioners to help North Parish by participating in committees. (Below is the list of committees.)

Christmas gifts will be given to our clergy and secretary by North Parish. Church Women Groups will give gifts to the organists.

2013 Outreach Budget – Total - \$500.00
\$150 – Marion Price Trust Fund
\$100 – Frackville Library
\$100 – Ashland Library
\$100 – St. Clair School for Christmas Gifts
\$50 - Frackville Ministerium



Schedule for Ash Wednesday, Holy Thursday and Good Friday was decided.

Nest Vestry meeting will be held January 20th, 2013, Christ Church at 1:30 p.m.

NORTH PARISH is forming the following committees and we need your help. If you can volunteer to be a part of a committee, please see a vestry member or call the church office at 874-4532.

Vestry Members are:

Holy Apostles – Bonnie Baker, Mary Emma Dean, Lois Hewes, Barry & Janis Idell, Gerry Salata and Jane Shaqfeh

St. John's – Donald Clamser, Sr., Nick Lane, Bonnie Hynoski, Bob Tiley, Elaine Ulceski and Mary Umlauf

Christ Church – Charlotte Smith

Committees:

Hospitality – This committee will be responsible for arranging refreshments for special occasions such as the Bishop's visit and the Annual Meeting. Needs a Chair and members

Stewardship – Chaired by Nick Lane; need an additional person

Grant Development – Chair – Mary Emma Dean,
Members: Mary Umlauf, Bonnie Baker

Three or Two Year Plan for the Church – Chair – Barry Idell
Need members

Fund Raising – Need a Chair and members

Youth – Need a Chair and members



Chairs are to arrange for the meetings of the committees and make reports and/or recommendations to the vestry.

NOVEMBER FINANCIAL REPORT

North Parish Receipts

General Account	Nov-12	\$ 6,123.96
Year to Date Gen. Receipts		\$60,751.09
Transfer in from M&I Year to date		\$25,000.00
M&I Account	Nov-12	\$ 165.20
Year to date		\$ 6,889.55
Memorial Account	Nov-12	\$ 1.93
Year to date		\$ 139.66

North Parish Disbursements

General Account	Nov-12	\$ 4,092.55
Year to Date Exp.		\$85,826.34
M&I Account	Nov-12	\$ 9.00
Year to date		\$25,032.75
Memorial Account	Nov-12	\$ -
Year to date		\$ 20.00

Current Balances

General Account	\$10,785.85
M&I Account	\$ 8,924.65
Memorial Account	\$14,260.22
Total Funds	\$33,970.72



2013 PLEDGE REPORT

2013 received 14 pledge cards totaling	\$17,064.00
2012 received 20 pledge cards totaling	\$21,284.00
Decrease of 6 pledge cards	\$-4,220.00

**If you did not return a 2013 Pledge card, please do so today.
We have an operating budget of \$88,233.00 for 2013.
Thank you for your continued financial support to North Parish.**

NEWS FROM MARION C. PRICE TRUST FUND

Operation We Care: I would like to thank you that contributed to our most recent mailing. But, I think it would be better reading what two of the men wrote to us.....

SSG Frank Gill wrote: Thank you so much for the care packages, they really meant so much. I thank all of you for your thoughts and prayers during this holiday season. Your support for myself and all the other soldiers from our great country is amazing. I'm wishing you all a Merry Christmas and God Bless!

SFC Mark Konsavage wrote: To All...Just want to thank the church for sending the 2 boxes of food, goodies and items to me and my men over here in Afghanistan. It's nice getting something from back home and sometimes homemade!!

You put smiles on me and my men's faces that day the boxes came in... Thank you again for a little bit of Schuylkill County which is home for me. And always will be....

If you read this in front of all the people in Church. You might want to also share this with them also...

Only two defining forces have ever offered to die for you.
Jesus Christ and the American Soldier.

One died for your soul, the other for your freedom...

My men & myself enclosed a small token for your church that you might want to place on your Christmas tree. To think of us all over here at Christmas time. (SFC Konsavage enclosed a beautiful ornament from Kandahar, which adorned the Christmas tree at Trinity)

Take Care & God Bless You all.

To date we have sent almost 3500 pounds of goodies. Thank you all!

January is the time for New Year's Resolutions. The President is calling on all Americans to participate in our nation's recovery and renewal by serving in our communities. There are many ways to get involved. America's new foundation will be built one community at a time and it starts with you.

The right match can help you find friends, reach out to the community, learn new skills and even advance your career.

Volunteering can also help protect your mental and physical health. Reducing the risk of depression is another important benefit of volunteering as well as lessening symptoms of chronic pain and heart disease.

To find local volunteering opportunities, call Kathy Burda at 621-3220 or check out www.serve.gov. There are many opportunities to volunteer right from your living room if transportation is an issue.

NORTH PARISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH SERVICES

January 2013

January 6	Holy Eucharist Holy Eucharist Holy Eucharist	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	St. John's Christ Church Holy Apostles	The Rev. James C. Smith The Rev. James C. Smith The Rev. Timothy Albright
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January 13	Holy Eucharist Holy Eucharist Holy Eucharist	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	St. John's Christ Church Holy Apostles	The Rev. Timothy Albright The Rev. Timothy Albright The Rev. James C. Smith
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January 20	Holy Eucharist Holy Eucharist Morning Prayer	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	St. John's Christ Church Holy Apostles	The Rev. James C. Smith The Rev. James C. Smith Barry Idell
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January 27	Holy Eucharist Holy Eucharist Holy Eucharist	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	St. John's Christ Church Holy Apostles	The Rev. James C. Smith The Rev. James C. Smith The Rev. Timothy Albright
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	Notes:	Color:
January 6	The Epiphany of Our Lord Jesus Christ	White
January 13	The First Sunday after the Epiphany The Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ	White
January 20	The Second Sunday after the Epiphany	Green
January 27	The Third Sunday after the Epiphany	Green



2012 NORTH PARISH CHRISTMAS MEMORIALS

MEMORIAL FLOWERS WERE GIVEN IN LOVING MEMORY OF:



Christ Church

Deborah Margaret Bellew
 Elizabeth & Charles Blackwell
 Ethel Friel
 Catherine (Blackwell) Garraway
 Charlotte & Elmer Geiger
 Thomas & Catherine Gibson
 Hower & Katherine Glick
 William H. & Joanne Glick
 William H. Morgan
 Amy Palovcsik
 Ellet & Estella Reese
 Jack & Ellet Reese
 Thomas Reese
 William & Catherine Sanner
 Francis Sapp
 Harry & Catherine Smith
 Harry G. Smith
 Phyllis Reese Wood

St. John's

Amour, Hess
 & Scheuren Families
 Leona & Walter Briel
 Margaret Briel
 Beatrice Clews
 John & Isabelle Coddington
 Kenneth Heffner
 Walter Hymoski
 Lester & Madeline Jones
 Jean Jordan
 Ethel & Bert Kehler
 Walter Kohler
 Gladys Lally
 Deceased Members of
 Benjamin Lane Family
 Marlin "Sparky" Miller
 Dorothy Tiley Miller
 William Miller, Jr.
 Emily & Louis Morris (2)
 William Morris
 Louis & Agnes Morris
 Betty Noble (2)
 Mary Anne Clamser Orr
 Stef Schafer
 Spieles Family
 Harold & Deborah Strunk
 Timothy Strunk
 Hattie & Alfred Strunk
 Margaret & John Stivets
 John Stivets, Jr.
 Mary Stokes
 Mother Annette Trautman
 Father Mark Trautman
 Alice B. Umlauf
 Alice Umlauf (2)
 Anna & John Umlauf
 Edward & Rosemary Ulceski

Holy Apostles

Jack Blake
 Chatten Family
 Carol Dresch
 Frank Frantz, Jr.
 Charles & Maggie Frantz & Family
 Frank & Ruth Frantz
 Orme & Merle Frantz
 Edward & Clara Gehring
 Lewis & Myrle Goodman
 Robert Goodman
 Abram & Mary Jones
 Abram & Geneva Jones
 M/M George Kimmel
 Anna Mae Krebs
 Misty & Ginger Leshner
 Alice & Al Padfield
 David Padfield
 Bertha Elizabeth Deans Price (2)
 Charlotte Reed
 Evan & Emma Reese
 Alfred & Dolly Roberts
 Dorothy K. Smith
 Mrs. Edna Swartley
 Matt Wylam



Flowers on the lady side altar
 were in loving memory of the
 Amour & Hess Families.