

**NORTH PARISH  
JANUARY/FEBRUARY  
2025  
NEWSLETTER**

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



Musings from the priest's computer..... January 2025

Dear friends in Christ:

2025 will have dawned by the time you read this. It is always exciting to begin a new year. And 2025 will, no doubt, be an exciting year for us!

The revelation of Jesus as the Christ is manifested for us during Epiphany, as He was manifested to the Magi, before His presentation at the Temple, at the wedding at Cana, and in numerous events and places detailed in the New Testament. This bridge between Christmas and Lent gives us the opportunity to focus and see all that the revealing Christ has done for us and with us. It also is a great time to renew our commitments.

We are also mindful of the liturgical seasons to come in 2025. Lent begins on March 5 with liturgies detailing the imposition of Ashes, both within the church buildings, but also outside among others in various community locations for Ashes in a Flash. This vital ministry brings reminders of our Christian link to those with other church homes, but also those seeking a connection without a formal church membership. Speak with me if you are called to assist in this ministerial outreach. Also, look for notices about a study group centered on the Stations of the Cross.

The entire world will be focusing on the new, national, secular administration forming in a few weeks. Pray for the people of the United States and for the elected leaders. We are blessed to live in America, and, like every other part of our lives, we strive to improve ourselves, and the lives of those who live and work here. We still recognize that all things come from God, and we pray for God's grace and goodness to be showered on all Americans, and all inhabitants of this beautiful planet.

The poem below considers what may or may not come to us in 2025. We are assured always that God focuses on us, as we traverse the days and weeks and months of 2025. May the Grace and Peace of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Brother, be known to you daily.

In brotherly love,

Fr. Kurt

Another year is dawning,  
Dear Master, let it be,  
In working, or in waiting,  
Another year with Thee.  
Another year of mercies,  
Of faithfulness and grace;  
Another year of gladness

In the shining of Thy face.  
Another year of progress,  
Another year of praise,  
Another year of proving  
Thy presence all the days.  
Another year of service,  
Of witness of Thy love,

Another year of training  
For holier work above.  
Another year is dawning,  
Dear Master, let it be  
On earth, or else in heaven  
Another year for Thee.

--Francis Ridley Havergal  
(1874)



## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

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|------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| 3 - Jude Salata              | 11 - Ava Correll    | 22 – Robert J. Higgins |
| 4 – Jessica Hynoski          | 12 – Warren Lane    | Lexie Scanlan          |
| 9 – Bruce Goodman            | 13 – Marsha Dudash  | 23 – Betty Chappell    |
| 11 – Heike Elizabeth Goodman | 17 – John Dresch    | Meghan McGlone         |
| Shelley Price                | 17 - Harley Hynoski |                        |
| Boyd Shaqfeh                 | 21 – Elaine Ulceski |                        |

## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS



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|-----------------------|-------------------|------------------------|
| 2 – Connor Demcher    | 17 – Joseph Burns | 21 – Bentley Nahf      |
| 8 – James Willard     | 21 – Bonnie Baker | 26 – Margaret Scheuren |
| 15 – Matthew R. Price | Rebecca Higgins   |                        |

If your birthday is listed incorrectly or it is not included on the birthday list, please notify the church office. Thank you.



**NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS** are needed for our Food Cupboards. If you are unable to donate food items, you can give a monetary donation. Please write your check to North Parish and designate Food Cupboards. Thank you.



## **PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

Bridget, Deb, Denny, Emily, Jason, Mia, Ben S., Patricia, Shannon, Betty P., Rachael Coyle, Delores Frantz, Donna Frantz, Peggy Frantz, Phil Frantz, Gerard Frantz, Jennifer Frantz, Harley Hynoski, McKenzie Kline, Dolores Kozlosky, Bill Kuhn, Joshua Lauver, Landry Lauver, Stephen M., Jeff Maurer, Shirley Moyer, Amanda Mozdy, Catherine Mozdy, Justin Mummaw, Bill Noble, Suzanne O'Neill, Joe Scheuren, Kim Russell Seibert, Christopher Stevens, David Strunk, Bob Tiley, and Eddie Ulceski

**Please Note:** Our prayer list has been updated. Please call or email the church office with any prayer requests. Thank you.



**SPECIAL INTENTION:** Your prayers are asked for the family and friends of Angela M. Neary who entered eternal life on December 4, 2024. May God grant Angela eternal rest and give comfort to all who knew and loved her.

*thank  
you*

The Advent Project distributed 100 bags to the Ridgeview Nursing Home in Shenandoah. The Ombudsman office said the need was greatest there. Thank you to all who contributed to a very successful, worthwhile ministry. We will continue to collect throughout the year if people find some travel items on sale.



***All articles for the March/April Newsletter should be submitted to our Parish Secretary, Shannon, no later than Monday, February 10<sup>th</sup>.***



# JANUARY MEMORIALS

**SANCTUARY CANDLES:** In memory of Cole Joshua Lauver by the Hynoski Family.



# FEBRUARY MEMORIALS

**WINE & WAFERS:** In memory of Elizabeth Frantz by Phil and Donna Frantz  
**SANCTUARY CANDLES:** In memory of Emily Morris by the Hynoski Family.

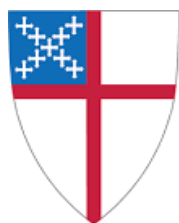
## 2025 MEMORIALS AVAILABLE:

**IT IS NOW TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMORIALS FOR 2025** If you are interested in memorials, please contact the church office by phone (570-429-7107) or by sending a note to the church secretary:



Shannon Mozdy, North Parish, P.O. Box 487, Frackville, PA 17931 OR  
You can also give your memorials to your church treasurer:  
Holy Apostles – Marsha Dudash, St. John’s – Elaine Ulceski

The donations for monthly memorials are as follows: Sanctuary Candles - \$5.00  
Bulletins - \$10.00; Wine & Wafers - \$10.00, Newsletters - \$10.00



## HOLY APOSTLES SATURDAY SERVICE

February 1, 2025

Celebrant – The Rev. Dr. Kurt Kovalovich

5:00 p.m.

## SUNDAY BREAKFAST - Holy Apostles

February 2, 2025

9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Menu includes scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage,  
home-fries, toast, juice, coffee, tea, etc.

Cost is \$12.00 at the door

The breakfasts are fundraisers for North Parish’s general fund.

Our profit from November - \$973.50

Our profit from December - \$681.97

Our profit from January - \$865.10



## News from Marion C. Price Trust Fund

Happy New Year! My wish for all of you this year is for health and happiness in 2025. WOW 2025!! It has been 25 years since we “partied like it’s 1999” and waited anxiously to see what happened in the world as we started the year 2000. I remember people predicting the end of the world and all computers crashing as we turned from 1999 to 2000. As we all know, none of that happened and the world moved on.

This past year has been good to me. My son graduated from Penn State and accepted a job in Florida. We moved him down in July and although I miss him, he’s excited about his job and adjusting well. My husband and I also have a warm place to visit in the winter. My daughter is still attending college at Penn State Hazleton and doing well. She spent the three weeks between Thanksgiving and Christmas doing her clinical work in physical therapy at a local nursing home in Mt. Carmel. Although she enjoyed the clinical aspect, she had an awakening as to the loneliness and sadness for some of these nursing home residents.

Trinity began an Advent project two years ago to support our local nursing home residents. Cora Gamelin-Osenbach stopped in my office one day after reading an article on how little the nursing home residents were supplied in the way of toiletries. The items they did receive were often generic, non-smelling items and cheap one-ply tissues. She asked what I thought about collecting some items to donate to those residents in need. This became Trinity’s Advent project. In 2023, sixty bags were filled and delivered to Rosewood Rehabilitation and Nursing Center.

In 2024, the project was expanded to include the other Episcopal Churches in Schuylkill County. Due to the increase in donations, one hundred bags were filled and delivered to Ridgeview Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center in Shenandoah. In deciding where the bags will go, the Schuylkill County Ombudsman is contacted to find out which facility has the greatest need. I was not there to see the residents’ faces when they received those bags, but I can imagine the joy they felt by not being forgotten at Christmas. I would like to thank you all, from the bottom of my heart, for making those residents feel loved. Thank you to those who organized, sorted and packed the items, assisted in delivery and especially everyone who made a donation.

I visit the nursing homes of Schuylkill County, and I enjoy saying hello, smiling or chatting to lonely residents. If you are ever looking for something to do, try visiting a nursing home. Some of the people there just need a friend to talk to. By visiting, you can provide brightness to their day, relief from loneliness, and make them feel special. The joy you feel in your heart after visiting may be greater than the joy you give.

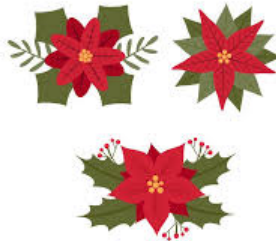
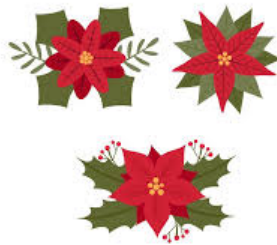
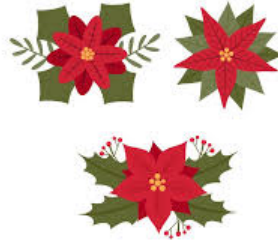
Donations as well as visits are welcome anytime at nursing homes. A local facility posted on Facebook, looking for Christmas decoration donations, so residents could decorate their rooms. I’m sure this would work for any holiday, so next time you want to downsize your decorations, consider donating to a local nursing home. If you have costume jewelry you no longer want, or gifts you receive that are just not your style, consider donating them to be used for BINGO prizes at a nursing facility. Please consider donating your time, talents or gifts this year to our elderly population.

*“Everyone can experience the joy and blessing of generosity;  
because everyone has something to give” -Jan Grace*

**2024 CHRISTMAS FLOWERS WERE GIVEN IN LOVING MEMORY OF:**

**St. John's**

Amour Families  
 George & Naomi Amour  
 Roy Amour  
 Margaret Briel  
 Walter & Leona Briel  
 Donald Clamser  
 Anne Frankel  
 Earl & Beverly Hess  
 Hess Families  
 Edith Hoffman  
 Jimmy Hood  
 Bob Jones (2)  
 Ethel & Bert Kehler  
 Gladys Lally  
 Franklin Lane  
 Ethel & Mike Lane  
 Cole Joshua Lauver  
 Geraldine Leibig (2)  
 Dorothy Tiley Miller  
 Marlin "Sparky" Miller  
 William Miller, Jr.  
 Emily & Louis Morris (2)  
 William Morris (2)  
 Bill Neary  
 Betty Noble (2)  
 Mary Anne Clamser Orr  
 Scheuren Families  
 Albert Snyder Jr.  
 John Stivetts, Jr.  
 Margaret & John Stivetts  
 Harold & Deborah Strunk  
 Timothy Strunk  
 Edward & Rosemary Ulceski  
 Raymond & Alice Umlauf (2)  
 Anna & John Umlauf (2)  
 Donna Lee Tiley Wasko  
 Clara & Edward Watters



**Holy Apostles**

Chattin Family  
 Davie Families  
 Carol Dresch  
 Frank A. Frantz  
 Ruth Frantz  
 Charles & Maggie Frantz  
 Orme & Merle Frantz  
 Edward & Clara Gehring  
 Lewis & Myrle Goodman  
 Anna Hesse  
 Abram & Geneva Jones  
 Abram & Mary Jones  
 Lecher Family  
 Ernest & Margaret Ray Peterman  
 Roland Price Sr.  
 Ben & Edith Ray  
 Samuel & Elizabeth Ray  
 Evan & Emma Reese  
 Laura Turnitza



The flowers on the side altar at St. John's are in loving memory of members of the Amour & Hess Families.



# NORTH PARISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH SERVICES

## January 2025

January 4 Saturday	Holy Eucharist	5:00 p.m.	Holy Apostles	The Rev. Dr. Kurt Kovalovich
January 5	Holy Eucharist	9:00 a.m.	St. John's	The Rev. Dr. Kurt Kovalovich
January 12	Holy Eucharist Holy Eucharist	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	St. John's Holy Apostles	The Rev. Timothy Albright The Rev. Timothy Albright
January 19	Holy Eucharist Holy Eucharist	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	St. John's Holy Apostles	The Rev. Dr. Kurt Kovalovich The Rev. Dr. Kurt Kovalovich
January 26	Morning Prayer Morning Prayer	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	St. John's Holy Apostles	Susan Noble Bonnie Baker

## February 2025

February 1 Saturday	Holy Eucharist	5:00 p.m.	Holy Apostles	The Rev. Dr. Kurt Kovalovich
February 2	Holy Eucharist	9:00 a.m.	St. John's	The Rev. Dr. Kurt Kovalovich
February 9	Holy Eucharist Holy Eucharist	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	St. John's Holy Apostles	The Rev. Timothy Albright The Rev. Timothy Albright
February 16	Holy Eucharist Holy Eucharist	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	St. John's Holy Apostles	The Rev. Dr. Kurt Kovalovich The Rev. Dr. Kurt Kovalovich
February 23	Morning Prayer Morning Prayer	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	St. John's Holy Apostles	Susan Noble Bonnie Baker

January 4 & 5	The Second Sunday after Christmas Day	White
January 12	The First Sunday after the Epiphany The Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ	White
January 19	The Second Sunday after the Epiphany	Green
January 26	The Third Sunday after the Epiphany	Green
February 1 & 2	The Presentation of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Temple	White
February 9 <sup>th</sup>	The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany	Green
February 16 <sup>th</sup>	The Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany	Green
February 23 <sup>rd</sup>	The Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany	Green