

**NORTH PARISH  
July 2013  
NEWSLETTER**

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



**From Fr. Tim's Desk**

**“So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.”**

**2 Kings 5:14**

During the month of July we celebrate Independence Day, a day on which we remember the courage and conviction of our founding fathers to protest the tyranny of the British crown and declare themselves to be an independent and sovereign nation. Webster's New Collegiate dictionary defines independence as “not subject to control by others, not requiring or relying on something else, not bound or committed, self-governing”, or in the words of Frank Sinatra “Doing it MY way”. Independence Day is a day when we can truly boast and say how proud we are to be an American. Can you appreciate the irony that the theme of the Scripture appointed for the Sunday closest to Independence Day is the nature of the deadly sin of PRIDE, and the theme of DEpendence upon our sovereign King, rather than our INdependence. If anything, the message is not “Doing it my way”, but rather “Doing it GOD's way.”

The words above from 2nd Kings describe the actions of Namaan, the great commander of the Syrian army who had been victorious over the army of Israel many times. But the proud and mighty warrior Namaan is afflicted with leprosy; a horrible disease that disfigures and eats away at one's very flesh. He has come to Israel because he has heard that the God of the Israelites can cure him. Scripture tells us that he seeks out the prophet Elisha but instead meeting him one on one Elisha sends out his servant to tell him to go and wash in the Jordan seven times. Insulted that the prophet himself will not meet him Namaan storms off until one of his own advisers prevails upon him to “Do it GOD's way.”

The story of Namaan reminds us that no person's greatness or individual abilities or pride put them out of reach of the pitfalls and calamities of everyday life. Like Namaan's leprosy, everyone has something that blemishes and diminishes them. Like the physical leprosy that ravages the flesh, the sins we commit by doing things OUR way instead of GOD's way represent spiritual leprosy that ravages our eternal souls and disfigures our hope for eternal life.

The good news is that in the cross of Jesus Christ the kingdom of God has come near. By the waters of baptism we are joined into his death and resurrection. Our Lord and Savior invites us into the kingdom by reaching out and touching us lepers and offers us forgiveness and the opportunity to wash and be clean. It IS that simple. Say we are sorry and be forgiven; but we must do so on God's terms, not our own. “Do it GOD's way.” Woe to those of us who will forgo the kingdom of God, even when it has come so near. The selfish pride, and conceit, and arrogance that rules their hearts, will make their sin inexcusable and they will fall from the promise of heaven like a flash of lightning.

This Independence Day, may we, with the same courage and conviction shown by our country's founding fathers over 200 years ago, declare ourselves free from the tyranny of sin. May we set aside our pride and boast not of ourselves, but boast in the cross of Jesus that has set us free, and IN dependence on God, may we humble ourselves and submit to his guidance all the days of our lives and rejoice that our names will be written in heaven.

*Fr. Tim +*



# JULY MEMORIALS



**WINE & WAFERS:** In loving memory of Alfred D. Roberts, Jr. by Bob and Kay Ann Kalbach.  
In loving memory of Kenneth Heffner by Roy Amour.  
In loving memory of Betty Noble by Steve, Bonnie, Jaime and Ben Hynoski.

**BULLETINS:** In loving memory of Beverly Hess by Roy Amour.  
In loving memory of Roy Strobel Sr. by Godson Roy Amour.

**SANCTUARY CANDLE:** In loving memory of the Smith family by Charlotte Smith.

**NEWSLETTER:** In loving memory of John and Anna Umlauf by Lee, Mary and Peter Umlauf.

## NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

All articles for the August Newsletter should be submitted to our Parish Secretary, Shannon no later than July 10th. Volunteers are needed on Wednesday, July 24<sup>th</sup>; at 1:30 p.m. at Christ Church, Frackville to help fold the newsletter.



## THANK YOU NOTES



Thank you to everyone who helped or attended the Strawberry Festival that was held on June 12<sup>th</sup>. We had a profit for \$905.00 for North Parish's general operating expenses.

We will need your help again in August for the Peach Festival to be held at Christ Church. Proceeds will again be designated for North Parish's general operating expenses.



## FOOD BANK MINISTRY



During the month of July we will be collecting peanut butter 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. Thank you to everyone who donated cereal in June!



# PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Eddie Ulceski, Mckenzie Rose, Rafael Ramos, Henry Koller, Karina Pedersen, Shirley Moyer, Tammy, Holly Jazwinski, Tiffany Roshoe, Roseanne Nause, Diane Dangolovich, Kay Collier, Kevin Rhein, Stephen Rasimowicz, Jr., Bob C., John Hauk, Todd Leshar, Eleanor Mihal, Darlene Frye, Pastor James Bowers, Floyd Kimmel, Darryl Corewell, Matthew Miggins, Jason Noble, Edith Hoffman, Gary Boose, Bob Jones, Sr., Maria Machos, Pam Sapp, Josh, Mark Rauco, Cheyenne Sheipe, Virginia M. Bushyager, 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, Kristin Lecher, Suzette Pogash, Mary Catherine Glick, Kay Fertig, Charles J. Wylam, Mary Faith Goodman, Mary Price

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.

## JULY BIRTHDAYS

1 – Joseph Scheuren  
4 – Judy Fishburn  
Abbey Noble  
5 – Shannon Mozdy  
6 – Lillian Dailey  
Russell Leshar  
Alice Sapp  
8 – Eileen Schultz  
9 – Gerry Salata  
10 – Stanley Hulet  
13 – Lauren Snyder  
14 – Abrahm Scanlan  
15 – Laura Jenkins  
17 – David Johns  
19 – Kenneth Brennan  
20 – Holly Frantz

21 – Dylan Harkins  
22 – Mackenzie Androshick  
23 – Zachary Leshar  
Susan Noble  
Joshua Scheuren  
24 – Angela Menuchak  
25 – Robert Johns  
26 – Maura E. Orth  
27 – Carolyn Brennan  
Stephen Hynoski  
Hannah Lippincott  
28 – Diane Waldner Lippincott  
29 – Rosemary Weber  
31 – David Gerlott



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.

# **NORTH PARISH PEACH FESTIVAL**

**Wednesday, August 21, 2013**



5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Christ Church,  
13 S. Nice St. (side door entrance)  
Frackville



Tickets - \$5.00

Come enjoy peaches, ice cream, baked good and a beverage.

Eat in or take outs available.

**For tickets, call the church office at 874-4532 or see Lois Hewes.**

**Volunteers are needed to set up, bake treats, to sell tickets and to clean up.**

**If you can help please see Lois Hewes or call the church office.**



Congratulations to Danielle Marie Snyder and Dylan Thomas Meade who were united in marriage at St. John's on June 1, 2013 and to Claudia Rae Moyer and Keld Sonne Larsen who were united in marriage at Holy Apostles' on June 8, 2013.

May their homes be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

# MAY FINANCIAL REPORT

## North Parish Receipts

General Account		
May-13		\$ 3,408.00
Year to Date Gen. Rec.		\$23,172.48
Transfer in from M&I (May)		\$ 5,000.00
Transfer in from M&I Year to Date		\$ 5,000.00

## M&I Account

May-13		\$ 125.47
Year to date		\$12,016.61

## Memorial Account

May-13		\$ 1.26
Year to date		\$ 5.94

## Balances

General Account	\$ 9,892.09
M&I Account	\$18,907.48
Memorial Account	\$14,367.86
<b>Total Funds available</b>	<b>\$43,167.43</b>

## North Parish Disbursements

General Account		
May-13		\$ 8,203.67
Year to Date Exp.		\$ 28,584.24

## M&I Account

May-13		\$ 5,009.00 (Transfer & Serv. Chg.)
Year to date		\$ 5,019.00

## Memorial Account

May-13		\$ -
Year to date		\$ -



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](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)

Clergy – The Reverend Timothy Albright

The Reverend James C. Smith

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

## **NEWS FROM MARION C. PRICE TRUST FUND**

**Pennsylvania Property/Rent Tax Rebate**-Last article I wrote about the availability and eligibility of this rebate available to our seniors. Unfortunately, there are people that are working very hard to take advantage of our seniors. Recently I was asked about a letter from the Senior Advisory Center. The letter claimed that a maximum annual rebate of \$975 is possible and for a processing fee of \$39 they will assist you filing this claim.

**DO NOT SEND \$39.** Application forms are available at **NO COST** from the Department of Revenue's Office, Office of Senior Services, Senior Centers and State Legislator's offices. I am available to pick up the form for you and assist you in completing form as needed.

**Operation We Care** – Thank you all for your donations and help with our May mailing. Approx. 145 pounds of personal care items and goodies were mailed on May 21<sup>st</sup>, to our local servicemen and women stationed in Iraq & Afghanistan, bringing our total mailings to over 3600 pounds since we started in June, 2007. Thanks to the generosity of our parishioners and various local groups. This mailing we were blessed with a donation of \$250 from the Frackville American Legion Post 398 Ladies Auxiliary.

**Medical Alert Systems-** If you are looking for a personal emergency response system, keep this checklist in mind:

1. Look at several systems before making a decision.
2. Compare costs. Charges for equipment and services typically include a setup fee ranging from \$50 to \$200 and a monthly fee ranging from \$30 to \$60. Most companies lease their equipment; a few require purchase. Private insurance or Medicare generally does not cover the devices.
3. Read through the contract carefully and understand the cancellation process.
4. Make sure the provider offers 24/7 customer care (preferably a call center) and technical support.
5. Ask how often and what procedures they test their system.
6. Ask for a 30-day free or money back trial.

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**Senior Adventures** – It is not too late to join us on our summer adventures.  
Thursday, July 18, Harry's Grill, Shamokin  
Thursday, August 15, Blue Mountain Lakes, Port Clinton

Call Kathy Burda at 621-3220 for more information.

**Gratitude is the one pill everyone should be prescribed.** A new pill is available that's likely to improve your energy and resiliency, enhance your immunity, lift your mood, offer you greater feelings of joy, and improve compassion toward self and others. And it has no side effects. Will you take it? Gratitude is that pill.

Many of us probably don't think about gratitude all that often in our day-to-day lives. Although most of us will habitually focus on what's going wrong-the feelings of rejection, the losses, hurts, our imperfections. It's easy to draw our attention away from what we have and to that dark place of what we don't have, or think we need.

Being grateful doesn't mean we deny what's wrong or difficult or unfair in our life. Gratitude shifts our focus from what our life lacks to the abundance that's already present. The truth is that each of us has something good in our life that millions of others don't. And when we are regularly mindful of what we have to be grateful for, we can be happier, more resilient, our relationships strengthen and our burdens often lift. Gratitude enriches human life, no matter what our situation.

Today, research is charting evidence that gratitude opens the heart and activates positive emotion centers in the brain. When we focus our attention on the things for which we're grateful, the blessings in our life, we can actually change the way neurons in our brain are wired. Ultimately, this means that with practice, we can cultivate positive states of mind.

No doubt though, gratitude doesn't come as easily as grumbling, so it really does take practice. There are many methods to develop the practice of gratitude.

A gratitude journal is one way. Another way is to say tell yourself every day, more often when necessary what you are grateful for and create a positive mind set for yourself. It works!

Original article: <http://www.mayoclinic.com/health/alzheimers-and-gratitude/MY02401>

This is time for vacations but unfortunately our hardships and difficulties do not take a vacation. So if you find yourself needing someone to talk to, need to get out or are having any difficulty, please remember to call me at 621-3220. I am only a phone call away. I wish you all a safe and happy summer.

*Kathy Burda*





430 North Second Street, PO Box 12303, Reading, Pennsylvania 19612-2303 voice (610) 374-4696 fax (610) 374-3165

Shelter \* Supportive Housing \* Second Street Learning Center \* Children's Alliance Center/CACA

Good Day,

Churches are often the first point of contact when someone is in need of help. I am writing to notify you that Opportunity House in Reading, Pennsylvania has recently started a new program in Schuylkill County for Veterans. This program is Called Supportive Services For Veteran Families. It is designed to help Veterans that are in imminent risk of homelessness.

The first important thing to remember is the eligibility requirements for this program. It is for veterans and their household whom have been active for at least one day. They must have a discharge other than dishonorable. They must be homeless, or in imminent risk of becoming homeless. Their income must fall at 50% or less of the county average median income.

Once deemed eligible for services, the household must have certain paperwork in order to proceed. If paperwork is not available, the caseworker will work with the client to obtain it. These are items such as DO-2M, VA ID, Social Security cards, proof of income, and birth certificates. Other documents are needed on a case by case basis and will be identified at time of assessment.

Assistance we may be able to help with includes rental assistance, utility assistance, moving expenses, transportation expenses, child care services, intensive case management, and referrals to any agency that would better support each specific household.

Last but not least, it is important to remember that for those that experience homelessness or are in imminent risk of becoming homeless, it can have such a devastating impact on their lives. This is why we are here and are devoted to try and help alleviate the burden that this can create. For anyone that knows of someone that may qualify for our services, I urge you to quickly take action and refer them to us, or keep us in mind in the future.

Thank you for your time,

*Rachael Arndt*

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570-604-6948

Supportive Services For Veteran Families

Schuylkill County Caseworker

4 South 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Suite 301

Pottsville, PA 17901

**[www.opphouse.org](http://www.opphouse.org)**



# NORTH PARISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH SERVICES

## July 2013

<b>July 7</b>	<b>Holy Eucharist</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>St. John's</b>	<b>The Rev. James C. Smith</b>
	<b>Holy Eucharist</b>	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Christ Church</b>	<b>The Rev. James C. Smith</b>
	<b>Morning Prayer</b>	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Holy Apostles</b>	<b>Jane Shaqfeh</b>
<b>July 14</b>	<b>Holy Eucharist</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>St. John's</b>	<b>The Rev. Timothy Albright</b>
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<b>July 21</b>	<b>Morning Prayer</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>St. John's</b>	<b>Robert Tiley</b>
	<b>Morning Prayer</b>	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Christ Church</b>	<b>Donald Clamser, Sr.</b>
	<b>Holy Eucharist</b>	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Holy Apostles</b>	<b>The Rev. Timothy Albright</b>
<b>July 28</b>	<b>Holy Eucharist</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>St. John's</b>	<b>The Rev. Timothy Albright</b>
	<b>Holy Eucharist</b>	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Christ Church</b>	<b>The Rev. Timothy Albright</b>
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<b>Notes:</b>	<b>Color:</b>
<b>July 7</b> <b>The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost</b>	<b>Green</b>
<b>July 14</b> <b>The Eight Sunday after Pentecost</b>	<b>Green</b>
<b>July 21</b> <b>The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost</b>	<b>Green</b>
<b>July 28</b> <b>The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost</b>	<b>Green</b>