

**NORTH PARISH
MAY/JUNE 2024
NEWSLETTER**

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



Musings.....but not all from the priest's computer.....Easter-Pentecost, 2024

*"Come Holy Spirit --Make our ears to hear --Make our eyes to see --Make our mouths to speak --
Make our hearts to seek --Make our hands to reach out,
And touch the world with your love. AMEN." (John Henry Newman)*

Easter is that season of hope for change in the world, for a gathering of all to announce, "I have seen the Lord", for all humanity to wake up, stand up, fess up, and make up. We no longer stay rooted in the daze of a long Lent but breathe the breath of eternal life. Because soon, the 50 days of Easter will pass into Pentecost, the day the church was born, the day the Spirit of God swept through the land and stiffened our spines, steeled our resolve, and opened our mouth to proclaim the mighty works of God! Alleluia!

The love of God in Christ Jesus now comes to us as a gathering storm, a fiery welling up of excitement and a breakthrough of love for our fellow humans. All of creation moves and lives and springs forth with blessings! The earth is alive! The trees of the forest can almost be heard spreading their leaves to catch the sunlight and rain. The earth teems with animal life, and the nutrients making the fields green and lush engage our nostrils and vision! The season of growth is upon us!

This season of growth too can be a way for the Body of Christ, the Church, to grow and expand and spread the message of hope and love that is the Episcopal Church. Take one Sunday in each month of May, June, July and August, and extend an invitation to a friend, neighbor, co-worker or relative to go with you to church, whether it is to Morning Prayer, Holy Eucharist, or even to a church gathering for fellowship and fundraising! Speak lovingly, and excitedly about the benefits of YOUR church, your faith, your fellow parishioners. You might be surprised at the reactions.

I hope to see you all soon. And I would love to welcome you and yours into this fiery Pentecostal Church that the Episcopal Church can and should be!

In brotherly love,

Kurt+

Memorials for Jim Dix and Allen Brennan

Jim Dix and Allen Brennan served on the board of directors for Marian Price Trust admirably and with enthusiasm for many years. The Board is extending an invitation to members of the Episcopal Community to donate towards memorial benches for each in honor and recognition of their years of service to Marian Price Trust. Please forward your donation to Cathy Clouser, Marian Price Trust, c/o Trinity Episcopal Church, 200 S. Second Street, Pottsville PA 17901. Please include a note with your donation designating it for Jim Dix and/or Allen Brennan.



MAY BIRTHDAYS

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| 4 – Denise Ann Yelito | 15 – Carly Demcher |
| 6 – Owen Labie | Julia Foerster |
| 8 – Robert Tiley | 17 – Ty Androshick |
| 10 – David Hewes, Sr. | 20 – Susan Neary |
| 12 – Melyssa Willard | 21 – Dylan Harkins |
| Kyle Schu | 22 – Megan Engelbrecht |
| 13 – Elvin Brennan, Jr. | 23 – Chloe Demcher |
| 14 – Robert Higgins, Sr. | 26 - Diane Leshar |

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

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| 2 – Skye Goodman | 18 – Justin Ulceski |
| June Leshar | Kyler Bowers |
| Sean O’Neill | 19 – Albert Snyder |
| 3 – Danielle Meade | 22 – Jason Noble |
| 7 – Aidan Reppert | 23 – Spencer Dougherty |
| Marilyn Spieles | Zachery Willard |
| 11 – Tyler Scheuren | 24 – Lisa Lindenmuth |
| 12 – Jaime Lauver | 25 – Margaret Frantz |
| Suzette Leibig | Bonnie Lecher |
| Terry McGlone | Jeanne Capparell |
| 17 – Steven Goodman | 29 – Todd Leshar |



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:

Alex
Amanda
David
Jason
Mia
Shannon
Ben S.
Kirsten Brennan
Tara Compinski
Charles Davenport
Delores Frantz
Donna Frantz
Emily Frantz
Gerard Frantz

Jennifer Frantz
Patricia Frantz
Becky Higgins
Donna Horning
Harley Hynoski
Jennier J.
McKenzie Kline
Dolores Kozlosky
Joshua Lauver
Landry Lauver
Mary Levan
Jennifer Mackeravage
Stephen M.
Jeff Maurer

Shirley Moyer
Catherine Mozdy
Gertrude Newman
Vincent O.
Polly Orth
Jack Orth
Mary Price
Diane & Jim Reed
Kathleen S.
Kim Russell Seibert
David Strunk
Bob Tiley
Eddie Ulceski

PRAYER LIST POLICY: We are updating our prayer list beginning July 1st. If you would like your name to remain on the prayer list or you need to add someone, please notify the office before then. We ask that you call the church office at 570-429-7107 or email us at nparish@ptd.net. Please leave your name, phone number and the name of the person for the prayer list. Thank you.

MAY MEMORIALS

WINE & WAFERS: In memory of Bertha Price by Bob and Mary Price.
In memory of Betty Noble by the Hynoski Family.
In memory of Alice Umlauf, Leona Briel and Anna Umlauf by Susan Noble and Family.
BULLETINS: In memory of Jim Lecher by wife Bonnie.
SANCTUARY CANDLES: In memory of Gladys Lally by Susan Noble and Family.
In memory of Jimmy Hood by the Hynoski Family.



JUNE MEMORIALS

WINE & WAFERS: In memory of Marlin and Dorothy Miller by daughter Linda Gerlott.
SANCTUARY CANDLES: In memory of Cole Joshua Lauver by the Hynoski Family.
In memory of Harold Strunk by the Ulceski and Strunk Families.
In memory of Bertha Price by Bob and Mary Price.

2024 MEMORIALS AVAILABLE:

Wine & Wafers – August - \$10.00 per month
Bulletins - June, August - \$10 per month
Newsletter: July/August; November/ December - \$10.00
Please call the church office for more information – 570-429-7107

GRADUATE RECOGNITION SUNDAY

June 16, 2024



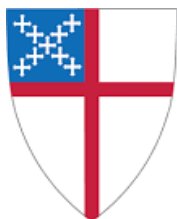
We will honor our high school graduates on Sunday, June 16th during Sunday services. If you are a high school graduate, please notify the church office (570-429-7107 or email: nparish@ptd.net) no later than June 2nd. Thank you.

Please include the following:

Graduate's name _____

High school _____

Future plans _____



HOLY APOSTLES SATURDAY SERVICES

May 4, 2024 – Holy Eucharist

June 1, 2024 - Holy Eucharist

Celebrant – The Rev. Dr. Kurt Kovalovich

Services are at 5:00 p.m.

SUNDAY BREAKFASTS - Holy Apostles

9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

May 5, 2024

June 2, 2024

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

Cost is now \$12.00 at the door

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

Our profit from March - \$678.00

Our profit from April - \$790.03



All articles for the July/August Newsletter should be submitted to our Parish Secretary, Shannon, no later than Monday, June 10th.

News from Marion Price Trust

****SAVE THE DATE:** MPTF Summer picnic is being planned for Thursday July 18th. Check July Topics and church bulletins for more details.

“Honor your father and mother”- which is the first commandment with a promise- “so that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land”. Ephesians 6: 2-3

The command to honor our parents comes straight from the bible. The days we set aside to celebrate them are more recent. Even though the Mother’s Day we celebrate on the second Sunday in May is a more recent development, the basic idea dates back to the ancient mythology of the Greeks and Romans. Annual celebrations were dedicated to the mother figure of their gods. Mothering Sunday began in 16th-century England by setting aside a Sunday visit to one’s mother. The children would assume the household duties, prepare a special dinner, and bring a “Mothering Cake” to be shared by the family. Sometime during the day, the mother would attend a special church service with her family.

Three women share responsibility for the creation of the holiday that we now know as Mother’s Day. Ann Reeves Jarvis, Julia Ward Howe, and Ann’s daughter Anna M. Jarvis all had part in establishing the official Mother’s Day.

Ann Reeves Jarvis, known as Mother Jarvis, was a young Appalachian homemaker who taught Sunday School lessons. She was also a lifelong activist who, in the mid-1800’s, organized “Mother’s Day Work Clubs” in West Virginia to combat the unsanitary living conditions, which led to high infant mortality rates. Mother Jarvis also organized women’s brigades during the Civil War and proposed “Mothers Friendship Day” to promote peace between former Union and Confederate families after the war.

Julia Ward Howe volunteered for the U.S. Sanitary Commission to help provide hygienic environments for hospitals and sanitary conditions for ill and wounded soldiers during the Civil War. Around 1870 she called for “Mother’s Day of Peace” dedicated to the celebration of peace and the eradication of war. Howe’s version of Mother’s Day was held in Boston and other locations for about 30 years but ended in the years preceding World War I.

After her mother, Ann Reeves Jarvis, died in 1905, Miss Anna Jarvis from Philadelphia began a campaign for a national day to honor all mothers. She wanted to memorialize her mother’s life as well as honor all mothers for their role of motherhood and the sacrifices made in the home. Miss Jarvis bombarded public officials and civic organizations with letters, telegrams, and in-person discussions. In May 1907, Anna memorialized her mother’s lifelong activism with a memorial service held at the Methodist Church in Grafton, West Virginia, where Anna’s mother had taught. On May 10th of the following year, a Mother’s Day service was held at that same church to acknowledge all mothers. This began the idea that the second Sunday in May, be set aside to honor every mother, whether living or deceased. Her efforts caught the attention of the mayor of Philadelphia, who proclaimed a local Mother’s Day.

After receiving local support Miss Jarvis moved on to Washington, D.C. where she received verbal support from the politicians. West Virginia was the first state to officially adopt the holiday, but others soon followed. A resolution to Congress that Mother’s Day be observed nationwide was passed by both houses. In 1914, President Woodrow Wilson signed a bill designating the second Sunday in May as a legal holiday to be called “Mother’s Day” – dedicated “to the best mother in the world, your mother”.

According to many sources, Anna simply wanted to honor her mother, claiming that her mother was the originator of the real Mother’s Day. As the holiday went mainstream, she was dismayed to see how commercialized it became. After fighting so hard to have it recognized as a holiday, she began to openly boycott florists and threatens to sue New York officials over plans for a large Mother’s Day celebration. Jarvis died alone in a mental asylum at age 84. She had no children and was penniless from the legal battles she waged to end the holiday she started.

Father's Day did not become a national holiday until 1972. Unlike Mother's Day, Father's Day was not immediately accepted when it was proposed. Mother's Day came first, so men in the early 1900s associated such a tribute to women and found the idea too effeminate. Men felt it was an attempt to domesticate manliness with flowers and gift giving as well as a commercial gimmick to give gifts, which would probably be paid for by the father himself. It seemed like a silly idea when it was mothers who were under appreciated.

The first known Father's Day service was held in Fairmont, West Virginia, on July 5, 1908, after hundreds of men died in the worst mining accident in U. S. history. Grace Golden Clayton, the daughter of a minister, proposed the service to honor all fathers, especially those that had died. It did not become an annual event and was not promoted beyond the local area. In 1909, Sonora Dodd of Spokane, Washington, was inspired by the idea of Mother's Day. She proposed to set aside June 5, her father's birthday, to celebrate fathers. Her own father was a single parent, who raised his six children after Sonora's mother died giving birth. The Spokane Ministerial Association and the YMCA chose the third Sunday in June for the event. Sonora delivered presents to the handicapped fathers and the boys wore carnations on their lapels.

The news of the widely publicized event in Spokane reached all the way to Washington, D.C. and Sonora's celebration put the idea on the right track to becoming a national holiday. However, the holiday did not catch on right away. The first bill was introduced in congress in 1913, but failed to pass, even with President Woodrow Wilson's support. Eight years later President Calvin Coolidge signed a resolution in favor of Father's Day and in 1966, President Lyndon Johnson signed an executive order that the holiday be celebrated the third Sunday in June. Finally in 1972, under President Richard Nixon, Congress passed an act to officially make Father's Day a national holiday.

My former pastor referred to Mother's Day and Father's Day as "Hallmark Holidays". While these holidays have become very much commercialized, the roots of both began in church services. In my own experience, these Sunday holidays are celebrated with a church service and a day of celebrating with family. Whatever your tradition may be, I hope you cherish the time you spend with your family. In case you would like to revive the tradition of a "Mothering Cake" and as a shout out to President Nixon for making Father's Day a holiday, I have included a recipe for a great cake. Enjoy the cake and Happy Mother's Day and Happy Father's Day!

WATERGATE CAKE...A vintage cake from back in the day!

Ingredients: 1 box white cake mix; $\frac{3}{4}$ cup vegetable oil; 1 small box instant pistachio pudding mix; 3 eggs; 1 cup club soda, 7 up OR Ginger Ale; $\frac{1}{2}$ cup finely chopped pecans; $\frac{1}{2}$ cup sweetened coconut flakes

Frosting: 2 envelopes Dream Whip**; 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ cups cold milk; 1 small box instant pistachio pudding; $\frac{1}{2}$ cup finely chopped pecans

Instructions: Preheat oven to 350. Spray 9x13 baking dish with cooking spray. In a large bowl, combine cake mix, oil, pudding, eggs, and soda. Beat on low speed for 30 seconds, then on medium for 3-4 minutes, scraping sides of bowl regularly. Fold in coconut and pecans. Transfer to baking dish. Bake at 350 for 35-40 minutes or until a toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool on wire rack. Prepare frosting: in a large bowl beat Dream whip and milk on high speed until soft peaks form. Add pudding mix and beat until fluffy. Spread on cooled cake. Top with coconut and pecans.

** Substitute Cool Whip for Dream Whip by beating 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ cups milk and pudding mix on low for 2 minutes. Fold in 8 oz thawed Cool Whip. Spread on cake and garnish with coconut and pecans.

JANUARY 2024 FINANCES

North Parish Receipts			North Parish Disbursements		
General Account			General Account		
	24-Jan	\$ 3,234.00		24-Jan	\$ 6,812.41
Year to Date		\$ 3,234.00	Year to Date Exp.		\$ 6,812.41
Transfer in from M&I for Expenses		\$ -			
Transfer M&I Year to Date for expenses		\$ -			
Transfer in from Memorial Acct.		\$ -			
Transfer Memorial Acct year to date		\$ -			
M&I Account			M&I Account		
	24-Jan	\$ 80.18		24-Jan	\$ -
Year to date		\$ 80.18	Year to date		\$ -
Memorial Account			Memorial Account		
	24-Jan	\$ 0.15		24-Jan	\$ -
Year to date		\$ 0.15	Year to date		\$ -
Balances					
General Account		\$ 1,606.84			
M&I Account		\$ 10,279.88			
Minus M&I designated funds		\$ (7,663.41)			
Total funds available		\$ 4,223.31			
Memorial Account		\$ 8,676.63			
Temp. Restricted Fund					

FEBRUARY 2024 FINANCES

North Parish Receipts			North Parish Disbursements		
General Account			General Account		
	24-Feb	\$ 4,186.00		24-Feb	\$ 5,958.74
Year to Date		\$ 7,420.00	Year to Date Exp.		\$ 12,771.15
Transfer in from M&I for Expenses		\$ 1,000.00			
Transfer M&I Year to Date for expenses		\$ 1,000.00			
Transfer in from Memorial Acct.		\$ -			
Transfer Memorial Acct year to date		\$ -			
M&I Account			M&I Account		
	24-Feb	\$ 82.16		24-Feb	\$ 1,000.00 (to gen. Acct)
Year to date		\$ 162.34	Year to date		\$ 1,000.00
Memorial Account			Memorial Account		
	24-Feb	\$ 410.14		24-Feb	\$ -
Year to date		\$ 410.29	Year to date		\$ -
Balances					
General Account		\$ 834.10			
M&I Account		\$ 9,362.04			
Minus M&I designated funds		\$ (7,663.41)			
Total funds available		\$ 2,532.73			
Memorial Account		\$ 9,086.77			
Temp. Restricted Fund					

MARCH 2024 FINANCES

North Parish Receipts		North Parish Disbursements	
General Account		General Account	
24-Mar	\$ 8,722.64	24-Mar	\$ 9,762.32
Year to Date	\$ 16,142.64	Year to Date Exp.	\$ 22,533.47
Transfer in from M&I for Expenses	\$ 1,700.00		
Transfer M&I Year to Date for expenses	\$ 2,700.00		
Transfer in from Memorial Acct.	\$ 1,700.00		
Transfer Memorial Acct year to date	\$ 1,700.00		
M&I Account		M&I Account	
24-Mar	\$ 925.71	24-Mar	\$ 1,700.00 (to gen. Acct)
Year to date	\$ 1,088.05	Year to date	\$ 2,700.00
Memorial Account		Memorial Account	
24-Mar	\$ 290.14	24-Mar	\$ 1,700.00 (to gen. acct.)
Year to date	\$ 700.43	Year to date	\$ 1,700.00
Balances			
General Account	\$ 3,194.42		
M&I Account	\$ 8,587.75		
Minus M&I designated funds	\$ (7,663.41)		
Total funds available	\$ 4,118.76		
Memorial Account	\$ 7,676.91		
Temp. Restricted Fund			

NORTH PARISH STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

Thursday, June 13, 2024



Holy Apostles' Episcopal Church
St. Clair, PA

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Come enjoy ice cream with fresh strawberries,
baked good and a beverage.

Eat in or take outs available.

Tickets: \$8.00

See Bonnie Hynoski, Bonnie Baker or
call the church office at 570-429-7107 for tickets

**Volunteers are needed to set up, bake treats, to sell tickets and to clean up.
If you cannot make a baked good; monetary donations would be greatly appreciated to
offset the cost of the strawberries.**

**If you can help set up and help cut strawberries, please arrive at the church the day of
the festival by 9:00 a.m. Baked goods can be dropped off at that time.
If you can help that evening, please arrive by 4:30 p.m.**



NORTH PARISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH SERVICES

MAY 2024

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

JUNE 2024

June 1 Saturday	Holy Eucharist	5:00 p.m.	Holy Apostles	The Rev. Dr. Kurt Kovalovich
June 2	Holy Eucharist	9:00 a.m.	St. John's	The Rev. Dr. Kurt Kovalovich
June 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
June 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
June 23	Morning Prayer Morning Prayer	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	St. John's Holy Apostles	Susan Noble Bonnie Baker
June 30	Morning Prayer Morning Prayer	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	St. John's Holy Apostles	Susan Noble Bonnie Baker

May 4 & 5	The Sixth Sunday of Easter – Rogation Sunday	White
May 12	The Seventh Sunday of Easter	White
May 19	The Sunday after Ascension Day - Mother's Day	Red
May 26	The Day of Pentecost - Whitsunday	White
June 1 & 2	The First Sunday after Pentecost: Trinity Sunday	Green
June 9	The Second Sunday after Pentecost	Green
June 16	The Third Sunday after Pentecost	Green
June 23	The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost – Father's Day	Green
June 30	The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost	Green
	The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost	Green

2024 EASTER FLOWERS WERE GIVEN IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

St. John's

Amour Families
 George & Naomi Amour
 Roy Amour
 Margaret Briel
 Walter & Leona Briel
 Anne Frankel
 Earl & Beverly Hess
 Hess Families
 Edith Hoffman
 Jimmy Hood
 Rosemary Jefferson
 Bob Jones (2)
 Ethel & Bert Kehler
 Gladys Lally
 Franklin Lane
 Ethel & Mike Lane
 Ethel & Mike Lane
 Geraldine Leibig - Mom
 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
 Lois Smith
 John Stivetts, Jr.
 Margaret & John Stivetts
 Harold & Deborah Strunk
 Timothy Strunk
 Martha & Robert "Red" Tiley
 Edward & Rosemary Ulceski
 Raymond & Alice Umlauf
 Anna & John Umlauf
 Donna Lee Tiley Wasko
 Clara & Edward Watters

Holy Apostles

Chattin Family
 Davie & Lecher Family
 Mary & Robert Dean
 Carol Dresch
 Frank A. Frantz
 Harry Frantz
 Ruth Frantz
 Charles & Maggie Frantz
 Orme & Merle Frantz
 Edward & Clara Gehring
 Lewis & Myrle Goodman
 Robert B. Goodman
 Anna Hesse
 Abram & Geniva Jones
 Abram & Mary Jones
 Anna Mae Krebs
 Jim Lecher
 Helen Price
 Roland Price Sr.
 Evan & Emma Reese
 Chet Shanoskie
 Dorothy K. Smith



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



gather 24

May 4, 2024 – PNC Field (Moosic, PA)
9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Panel discussion with
Bishop Kevin and Bishop Audrey
(Diocese of Central PA)

Choose from 21
different sessions
Worship and
fellowship

Lunch and raffle
drawings included in
registration

Learn more and register online: diobeth.org/gather24



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