

THE CROWN

The Newsletter of Christ Church Shrewsbury
Christ Church is a community committed to exploring the reality of God in today's world



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STAR SPANGLED CELEBRATION

COME JOIN THE CHRIST CHURCH COMMUNITY IN AN INDEPENDENCE DAY COMMEMORATION SUNDAY, JULY 3RD AT 9 AM

Our special Independence Day Service will take place on Sunday, July 3rd at 9 am. The service will feature portrayals of individuals interred in the graveyard by members of our own Dead Actors' Guild. In addition the Chorus of the Atlantic will be present and perform a number of patriotic songs. A light Reception will follow in the Parish House.



SHREWSBURY READING OF THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE

MONDAY, JULY 4TH AT 10AM



Join Mother Lisa as she participates in the Monmouth County Historical Society's reading of the Declaration of Independence, July 4th at the Allen House. Christ Church will ring our historical church bell 13 times (to signify the 13 colonies) at 10am as the official start of the celebration. The Clock Tower raffle drawing will be held in conjunction with the reading. The \$5 tickets can be purchased right up to the drawing at 11am.

***“But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope:
The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,
God’s mercies never come to an end....”
The Book of Lamentations, chapter 3 verses 21-22***

Dear Friends,

On the first weekend of June, the congregation of Christ Church rose to the challenge of hosting our first ever Pride Weekend. From the time I first announced this new endeavor, I was so very overwhelmed by the response of our members: the first meeting was filled with enthusiasm, ideas, and well....*pride!* Proud to stand in solidarity and support with our brothers and sisters in the LGBTQ community. Proud to be working out the mission of the gospel to especially stand with anyone who has felt like an outcast. Proud of our community of faith, that feels compelled by the love of God to be there for one another. For in Christ Jesus we are truly one.

It was exactly one week later that I awoke early on a Sunday morning to the news that there was something going on at an Orlando nightclub. As I left for church I did not know much more than the news that twenty persons had died there. We quickly added them to our Prayers of the People. When I returned home later in the day, I was stunned (as I am sure you were, too) to learn of the extent of the onslaught of violence and the horrors that occurred inside the nightclub known as Pulse. Having experienced such a joyful two-day celebration of Pride just the week before, it reminded me of both how far we have come – and how far we still have to go. It made me wonder just what it will take for us as a society, as a people, and as a nation, to stand up for what is right and to say without hesitation, *“This is enough!”* And it has inevitably inhabited my thoughts and invaded my daily prayers.

On the Saturday after the massacre at Pulse, we hosted a special Mass on the Grass in which we remembered those who had perished. The people assembled took turns reading each name as a bell tolled. We prayed. We sang. Some cried. We thought of those who knew, loved, and lost precious friends, children, spouses, and lovers. It was a small offering. But isn’t Hope made up of such small offerings? I know our congregation will continue to keep our commitment to justice for all persons and love for all people. I know we will continue to work, pray, and seek ways to engage our community as we stand against violence and stand alongside any who suffer from prejudice, fear, and ignorance. In other words: we will continue to be Christ present in our world.

I would like to thank everyone who worked so hard to make our Pride Event a lovely, thoughtful experience. Among those who participated in hosting and readying the Parish House and Church were Madna Aubrey and Ellie Bates, Dory Coe and Gail Reilly, Sue Napoletano, Laura Stroebel, Georgette King, Walter Dein, Kate DiLiberto, Danielle Lauterwasser, Margaret Southward, Matthew White, and Deacon Bill Balmer. A very special thank you to Father Bill Burt who had a Eucharist at the Parade site on Sunday morning, to Chris Psolka and the Saint Gregory’s Choir who had absolutely amazing music for us on Sunday morning, and to Brother Richard Bernecki who brought special Taize music to our Mass on the Grass Vigil Remembrance. And a heartfelt congratulations to visitor Colleen Werner, who won our raffle at the event for most nearly guessing the number of candies in the jar! I hope I have not inadvertently left anyone unnamed.

I know that we will continue to ponder over these events and pray for the people of Pulse. And for all who still feel that they are on the outside and who continue to battle to be recognized with dignity and honor simply for who they are. May we, as the church of Jesus Christ, do all in our power to uphold our brothers and sisters, pray for peace, and work for justice – for such is the kingdom of God.

Peace,

Mother Lisa+

PARISH NEWS & NOTES

ANY CHANGES?

Please advise us of any changes in your home address, email address or any phone number(s). Let us know so we can also keep our records/database up to date. Please send us an email or call the Church Office at 732-741-2220.

Change of Address:

Russell Ford
2825 Watkins Dr.
Melbourne, Florida 32901
surftilyoudrop@icloud.com
732-239-3552

Congratulations:

To Laura Napoletano Stroebel and Tim Stroebel on the birth of their first child, Christopher, born on Wednesday, June 8th. He was 5 lbs., 4oz., 18 inches. He is the second grandson of Sue and Lou Napoletano!

Condolences to:

the Napoletano family on the passing of Heddy Napoletano. (*Lou's mother*)

the Marengo family on the passing of Gerardo Marengo. (*Gerry's father*)

the friends and family of Eleanor Linley. (*former organist at Christ Church*)

PARISH PRAYER LIST

Please note: The Prayer List is updated on a continual basis. The people will be kept on for three months and then removed. (Please get consent before adding a name to the list.) If you would like a person to be added, simply call the Church Office and leave your name, their first and last name; please specify if you do not want their last name published in the bulletin, and when appropriate, who the person is and the nature of their condition.

() indicates member of CCS*

*Carolyn, *Matthew, *Irwin Rapolla, *Shirley, *Ruthann, *Chrissy Maber, *Mignon Williams, *Cassie Reagan, *Phil Ryser, *Rick, *Diane, *Kate DiLiberto, *Zack Roberts, *Heidi Gall, *John Smalls, *Ron Knoth, *Jenny Lovekin, *Dianne, *Sarah Schmid, *Pete and Jill Biddle, MiMi Brown, Michael Schiavo, Patrick Donohoe, Jake, Joan, Loren James, John Veil, Jennifer Turner, Tina,

Debbie Ambrogio, Pam, Lisa, Ana Cisneros, Chris, Mora Hanley, Ian Hay, Josh, Mark Schiavo, Breanne, Omar, David Bry, Chuck, Anne, Meghan Ryan, Christopher, Brady, Cindy, John and John David Meade, Reverend Milton Holmes, Trevin, Fred Blozen, Lou, William Emerson, Ava, Jay Czarnecki, Amy, Brett Risser, Becky Cuthbert, Jean Bye and family, Ron Johnson, Pete, Sam Scott, Sue, Joan Hall, Lucy, Fr. Rob+, Dory Reagan, Don, Adam David, Charie Miller, Clete, Debbie Shouldis, Thomas J. Graham, Richard Brugger, Sr., Allen, Alexandra, Sally Cooper, Brennan Maclean, Joe, Rose, John, Keith, Jacob, Lucy, Monet, Maryann Citro, Harriet Clare Shaner, Roy, Ruth, Katie, Anella, Jennifer Lamb, Antonia Malone, Leigh and Richard Polhemus, Sam Nativo, Stan Thornton, Sue Welfley, Charlotte Spencer, Sherri, Pat, Loren Medina, Charlie, Meriwether Schmid, Pat Rivenes, Polly Evans, Eileen Borden, Phyllis Tetley, Jerry Werben, Barbara, Bill Allen, Shari Gregory, Dawn, Nanette, Denise, Donna, Chris, JoAnn, Margo, Donna, Nancy Erickson, and for all who serve our country here and abroad, especially Traver, Michael, Bo, Dennis, Travis "TJ" Wilson.



Thank you for your time and efforts...

to all those individuals who help guide, teach, and nurture our children through the good works of our Church School and Youth events. Special thanks to Mrs. Sue Napoletano for *everything* she does!

Thanks to everyone who did such a beautiful job getting the worship space ready for our Saturday night *Mass on the Grass* service, and to those who help prepare all that is needed for our service.

On April 19th of this year, the Coast of Ecuador was hit by a massive earthquake that registered 7.8 on the Richter Scale and killed more than 270 people. Our companion Diocese, Ecuador Litoral is in the heart of the devastated area. Thank you Parish member *Cara Tevar!* Cara works at Ocean Township High School and with her support, the Ocean Township High School Spanish Club successfully raised \$400 for relief efforts!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS.....



THIRSTY THURSDAYS

Join us

Every Thursday in June folks were invited to stop by the Rectory for some light refreshments and conversation from 5:30pm to 7:00pm. During the month of July, **THIRSTY THURSDAYS** is on the move. On July 9th "Thirsty Thursday" will be held at the home of David and Dianne Regiec. They will provide non-alcoholic beverages, but you are welcome to bring whatever is to your liking to share with your friends (by the way, feel free to bring a friend or two with you, too). And an appetizer or two would of course be welcomed with open arms. If you think you and your household would like to host a Thursday, do let us know. It is a chance for you to practice hospitality and open your home to your parish family. It is easy to do: simply provide a non-alcoholic beverage and have cups, plates and napkins available. Your guests will do the rest! You can meet outside or indoors; we are a flexible group. A sign-up sheet will also be available on the bulletin board in the Parish House and on a clipboard at Iced Tea on the Lawn following 9:00am mass on Sunday. Hope to see you on Thursday!

The scriptures admonish us to spend time together, to deepen our relationships, to start a new friendship or two.

Follow the advice of the writer to the Hebrews who said, "Let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and, and all the more, as you see the day drawing near."



Second Saturday Workday

I wish to thank those who have been a part of this past year's work days. We now take a summer break for July and August, but mark your calendar for the next work day, **Saturday, September 10th.**

I encourage you to set aside an hour or two anytime from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Rain or shine there is a host of small tasks suitable for all ages and abilities. A simple and nutritious lunch is always provided.

Walter Dein, property chair



Many thanks to Walter Dein and Edgar John for the installation of our new shed!

MASS ON THE GRASS **SATURDAY EVENINGS @ 5:00PM** **(COUNTS FOR SUNDAY!)**

Saturday Evenings at 5pm, Christ Church will be holding service outside in the back strip of the parking lot. *Mass on the Grass* is Holy Eucharist with a casual setting. Bring your own lawn chair! The music, liturgy, and dress will all be less formal than what you will find on a Sunday morning. An altar is set up at the south end of the little strip at the back of our parking lot waiting your arrival. This service is meant for all the family; bring a blanket for the kids to sit on, and a toy or two, as well. We provide everything else, even the bug spray. Rain or Shine! *We move inside to the Parish house if it rains!*

KNITTING PEARLS NEWS

Knitting Pearls will continue to knit over the summer, sometimes Wednesdays and sometimes Thursdays. Call Perky or Sarah for weekly info. This summer we will be knitting hats for the Bazaar. What kind? Any kind! Patterns are available if you need them. This is a good way to use up odds and ends of yarn. Work at home, on the beach or join us at Perk and Tom`s.

A DAY AT THE BEACH WITH



Friday, July 29, 2016
10am – 2pm

Christ Church will once again be hosting approx. 12 young adults for a day at the beach! We will be creating beach bags for each youth participant. The Church will also provide the food and supplies for the day!

We are in need of donations of beach towels, sunscreen, flip flops, sun glasses, etc. Monetary donations and gifts cards are gladly accepted and will be used to purchase swim suits for specific individuals and/or supplies for the outing.

Let us know if you would like to help in any way! (Shopping for food, help prepare lunches or to even attend the event that day.)

Covenant House is a leading advocate on behalf of homeless youth. Covenant House was founded in 1972 with the simple, profound mission to help homeless kids escape the streets.

Please contact Vestry member and Covenant House advocate Jim O'Connor at 732-610-8329 or email him at jimoc63@gmail.com along with Vestry member Rachelle Spencer Mikita, Outreach committee chairperson for more information.

OUTREACH

I want to again extend a huge thank you to all of our members who generously donate items for Covenant House.

Outreach continues our involvement with Covenant House. We now have a collection box in the Parish House. The items that are needed for the summer are: sunscreen, deodorant (male/female), shampoo, conditioner (trial/regular size), body wash and baby wipes, socks, under shirts and underwear. These will be delivered to the Asbury Park Outreach to help the homeless youth in our area. We are currently working on another Covenant Day at the Beach. Details are in this newsletter.

Covenant House is having a golf outing August 29, 2016. If anyone is interested in purchasing a sponsorship and/or golfing the following is a link to the site: josephcnugentgolf.org

Please check the Parish House boards for information on upcoming events and all of our valuable projects.

Please contact me if you are interested in being part of any of our events or projects. You can reach me Rachelle Spencer Mikita at rachspen@hotmail.com



SAVE THE DATE

JOSEPH C. NUGENT
38th Annual
SPRING LAKE
GOLF OUTING
5th COCKTAIL
DINNER RECEPTION
Monday
AUGUST 29, 2016

SPRING LAKE
GOLF CLUB

Covenant
House
Opening Doors for Homeless Youth

SCHEDULE

7:30 AM
Registration and Breakfast for
Morning Golfers

8:30 AM
Shotgun for AM Golf

11:00AM - 1:15PM
Lunch for ALL Golfers

1:30 PM
Shotgun for Afternoon Golfers

5:30 PM
Cocktail Dinner Reception
for all Golfers and
Cocktail Reception Guests

You can register on line at:
www.josephcnugentgolf.org
or
Contact Sue Monteiro at: Smonteiro@covenanthouse.org / (973) 286-3543



We have two remaining "PRIDE" tee shirts for sale. 1 large and 1 extra-large! \$20.00 each. Let us know if you would like to purchase one (or both)!

MARTHA'S CUPBOARD EXPANDS MINISTRY

We are excited to report that with the cooperation of St. John's, Little Silver and Trinity Church, Asbury Park, we will be expanding the services Martha's Cupboard provides to the residents of Washington Manor to include the organization of game night activities, art classes, and wellness clinics on a rotating basis throughout the month.

Washington Manor is an apartment complex which provides 100 units of affordable housing in the Long Branch community for 200+ individuals who might not otherwise be able to afford to live in a desirable location along there Jersey Shore.

In addition to the food distribution Dianne Regiec coordinates the fourth Thursday of every month, Carol McKeever (Christ Church, Game Night), Eileen Kennedy (St. John's, Drawing & Music), and the Healthcare Team at Trinity Church, will help further promote a sense of community and aid the overall health of the residents through positive social interaction. As with the food distribution program, additional volunteers are always welcome. If you would like to take advantage of the opportunity to help establish a relaxing and inviting environment to foster trust and fellowship to others in need, you may contact Mother Lisa or Deacon Bill and they will work you into the weekly schedule.



Backpacks for a Smooth Start to School



Although the school year has just ended, it is a great time to think about the children in Monmouth County who will need supplies when they go back to school in September.

Once again this year, we will help children here in Monmouth County begin the school year with needed materials and supplies by participating in our backpack program. There are children who come to school without the needed supplies such as pencils and notebooks, delaying or impeding their fresh start to the new school year. We hope to make a difference for some of these children. Please consider providing a child with some needed supplies such as:

Sturdy backpack; pencils, pens, crayons, markers, colored pencils, highlighters, zippered pencil case, spiral notebooks (no binders), homework notebooks, child scissors, glue sticks, marble notebooks, erasers, and other young child specific supplies.

The target grade levels are 1st to 5th grades.

Please bring the backpacks or supplies to church any day **before Sunday September 4th**, when they will be blessed and delivered to the school guidance counselor during that first week of school.

Please help us help some children again this year. Your generosity is appreciated.

Elaine Feyereisen

New Class of Education Formation Ministry

(EFM)!

Want to renew your faith? Learn more about the Bible and contemporary spiritual issues? EFM might be just the class for you. A new EFM group will begin the first week of September and will be held at the rectory on Tuesday evenings from 6:45 to 9:00pm and runs through the beginning of June. EFM is a four (4) year course of study and discussion that includes Old Testament, New Testament, Church History, and Contemporary Theology. Participants sign up for one year at a time.

Tuesday night doesn't work for you? A seminar group will be starting at Christ Church, Middletown that will be meeting on Wednesdays from 11-1:30 with a BYOBL (Bring Your Own Bag Lunch) as the "snack" portion of the session.

Do not hesitate to call, email, or talk with either me or Deacon Cuff (who is my co-mentor). We would be delighted to talk to you about the details of the program and answer any questions. EFM has been meeting at Christ Church for more than twenty years. Our seminar group currently has participants from four different parishes, which makes for an exciting exchange of ideas. We love EFM – and think you will, too!

Peace,
Mother Lisa Mitchell+



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Flea Market Wrap-Up

WHAT A fabulous Christ Church Flea Market TEAM!!!!!!!!!!!! Allie, Bill, Casey, Chris, Diane, Edgar, Elaine, Phyllis, George, Jim, Brooke, Judy, Lynn, Mother Lisa, Jeff, Neil, Diane, Paul, Noel, Peggy, Rita, Sue and Walter

Totals:

2014: \$1,484

2015: \$2,500

2016: \$3,149

Our Christ Church 2016 flea market this year exceeded last year's by over \$1,000. Our goal was \$3,000 and we brought in \$3,149!!!!!!!!!!

At times I would get discouraged/stressed thinking this was never going to come together. But for the second year in a row, I was soooooooooooooo wrong. You were/are all so dependable. I would walk into the parish hall from work with a smile on my face every day, seeing what had been done, when I was not there. Always asking what needed to be done and when.

All of you made the Flea Market run so smooth. It could have never happened without every single one of you supporting this event. AND, always with a smile on your faces.

I would like to also thank those of you that were kind enough to donate your valuables that you once enjoyed and chose to let it go to the Christ Church's flea market. Without your donations, we had nothing!!

I came up with a couple of other ideas for next year already!!!! Start setting aside your items for next year please.

Thank you all, you each deserve a huge pat on the back!!

Sincerely,

Joanne Montgomery

LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULES

Ushers Wanted!!

We are always looking for ushers! We don't care if you are old or young, short or tall, blond or brunette!!!! The ushers play a very important role. They are the 1st people (after the greeter) that a visitor meets and are often the ones who answer the visitor's questions. If you are considering being an usher, please chat with me or Mother Lisa.

Peggy James

Please also let us know if you are interested in joining ANY of our teams. We are in need of additional members to serve in a number of areas. There is minimal training required.

It's almost time for us to start preparing the fall schedule!! Please let us know if you have any dates you are not available. A reminder that once the schedule has been distributed YOU are responsible for finding a replacement or someone to switch/trade dates with. Please notify the office of any arrangements/changes you have made. If you have trouble finding a replacement/trade, you may also (as soon as possible) Email the church office for additional help. We will circulate an Email to help you to find a replacement and advise you of our findings. Thanks so much.

SDRG PROJECT STATUS REPORT

June 21, 2016

1. The Gravestone RFP has been issued to 3 bidders. These bidders made a site visit on Monday June 13th to see the gravemarkers whose estimates for repair had been requested. These estimates would be guided by the Statement of Work prepared by Lorraine Schnabel, our graveyard conservator. Bids are due on July 5th and an award is targeted for July 19th.
2. The schedule for the Church and Rectory construction RFPs is late August and awards targeted for November 1.
3. Bids for tree trimming and removal are being gathered from several firms.



Altar, Narthex and Sanctuary Lamp Offerings

DON'T FORGET YOUR FLOWER OFFERINGS OVER THE SUMMER!

Let us celebrate God our Creator at the altar with flowers each Sunday. Flowers about the altar symbolize God's gift of life to us. Without flowers most vegetation would perish in a generation or two, for flowers contain the mechanism of perpetuation. God is our true source of life here and ever after. Giving flowers in thanksgiving of an event in your life or remembering others to the glory of God focuses us into the Eucharistic celebration at the Lord's Table.

Please give a donation for the Flowers or the Sanctuary Candle. Plenty of spaces are available - the sign-up list is in the Narthex of the church. We also are accommodating more than one donation on a single date. Many thanks! Altar Flowers - \$40, Narthex Flowers - \$30, Sanctuary Candle - \$10.

NEW ON THE WEB SITE

We are adding a new feature to our web site, called the Community Bulletin Board. In this space we will post information about activities in the broader community that are aligned with our mission. One example is the research being done by a doctoral student into the needs of LGBT elderly. This effort is tied to our mission in that it reflects inclusiveness. If you have any such items to post let me know.

Robert M. Kelly Jr.

Web Site Content Manager

SOCIAL MEDIA!!!!

Are you on facebook?

Be a friend of Christ Church on facebook! Recommend your friends become a friend of Christ Church also. Please share events and the good news about the exciting events we post.



Did You Know?

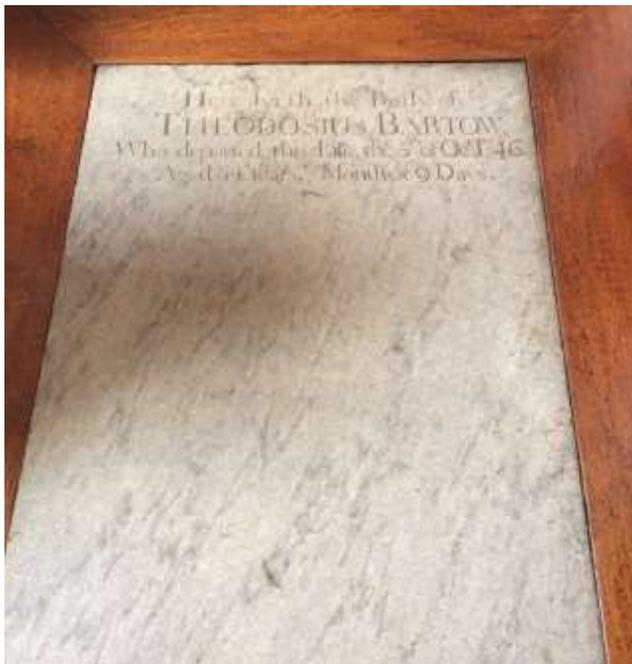
Stories of Christ Church History



by: **Robert M. Kelly, Jr.**
Parish Historian

“Did You Know ... ?”

About Theodosius Bartow? As you likely know we have three gravemarkers in the floor of the nave of the church, one in each of the two aisles and one at the entrance to the sanctuary. The stone in the southern aisle belongs to Theodosius Bartow. (As you also may know these stones are in the floor of the church because when it was constructed it covered land that had already been used for burials. The stones were removed and placed where you see them today. The remains of the individuals are still under the church.)



Bartow was the *son of Reverend John and Helena (Reid) Bartow* of Westchester, Westchester County, NY. He was born on February 25, 1712 and died on October 5, 1746, of a lingering illness (probably tuberculosis), aged 34 yrs., 7 mos. and 9 days.

He came to Shrewsbury from Westchester to practice law and owned a 500 acre estate His name appears prominently on our parish’s charter, issued by the Colonial legislature that guaranteed the continued existence of the parish. He was the Grandson of Scottish immigrant, John Reid, who was a prominent Landscape architect, surveyor, Deputy-supervisor of the Province, Surveyor General of the Province, Judge of Court of Common Pleas, Justice of the Quorum, King’s Attorney and Commissioner of Highways. Clearly he was from a prominent family. Theodosius was married to Anne Stillwell, the daughter of Captain Jeremiah Stillwell. Ann Stillwell was brought up on her family's estate in Shrewsbury, New Jersey, amid a large, affluent family with extensive social connections in New York City. She seems to have had the advantage of an extensive private education. Shortly after 1742, when she was about 30, she married 32-year-old Theodosius Bartow. Bartow was a leader in the Episcopal Church; his father was a minister who had been sent to the American colonies to put the Church of England in Westchester County on a sound footing. The marriage was short-lived: Theodosius died in a carriage accident in Shrewsbury in 1746 while Ann was pregnant with Theodosia. For five years, Ann raised Theodosia as a single parent in Shrewsbury and in New York City, where several of her sisters and brothers were living. Two of Ann's sisters had married men with military backgrounds; it is likely that through them Ann met Captain Philip De Visme, who had served in the British Army but subsequently became a merchant in New York City. She and Philip were married in 1751 at Trinity Church in Manhattan, and the couple had five children between 1752 and 1768. Philip De Visme died in 1762, leaving the forty-nine-year-old Ann a widow once again, but now with six children to raise. Theodosia was sixteen and may have been expected to help her mother, although Ann's financial situation probably enabled her to hire many servants. A year later, Theodosia married Jacques Marcus Prevost, a Swiss native and the brother of Augustine Prévost, who was then serving as commander of the British Army forces in New Jersey. They had five children – Sally, Anna Louisa, Mary Louisa, Augustine, and John. When Prevost was dispatched to the West Indies in the early 1770s, Theodosia and the children remained in New Jersey.

Despite her family's background (both her stepfather and husband were officers with Loyalist forces) Theodosia was an ardent patriot, counting William Livingston and Robert as friends and allies. During the Revolution Theodosia's home, the Hermitage – named after the cottage of Jean-Jacques Rousseau – became a gathering-place for American soldiers. When she heard that George Washington was in the area following the Battle of Monmouth she extended an invitation for him to stay there, which he accepted in July 1778: the Hermitage briefly became his headquarters. The home and its culture were "decidedly French" due to Theodosia's background, and she was known for the intelligent conversation her French salons represented. Other visitors included Generals Charles Lee and Jeremiah Wadsworth.

During the war, with her estate technically being owned by her Loyalist husband, it was at various times under risk of confiscation; her powerful friends, allies and patrons, including Livingston and William Paterson, ensured the case was halted.

In 1777, Theodosia first met Aaron Burr, then a young soldier with the congressional army. The two became friends, with Burr initially imagining her as a member of his family, giving her the pet name "sister P." By November 1778 he was writing to his sister to speak of Theodosia's "honest and affectionate heart" and their regular conversations; his constant visits to the Hermitage provoked gossip, with Paterson baldly referring to Theodosia as "the object of [Burr's] Affections". The two gradually fell in love, and by 1780 were openly lovers, despite a 10-year age gap. In December 1781, Theodosia discovered her husband had died of yellow fever.

Theodosia and Burr's writings to each other covered politics, philosophy and feminism, with the two discussing both Rousseau and British feminist Mary Wollstonecraft. They modelled their relationship on a "mature affection", rather than the standard practice of marriages and relationships being based on social standing and convenience rather than love; this appealed to Theodosia's sense of independence and intellectual freedom. After Burr became licensed as an attorney, Theodosia and he married on July 2, 1782 at the Hermitage, with Livingston personally issuing the license. Their first child, and

the only one to survive to adulthood, was born on June 21, 1783, and also named Theodosia.

While this narrative was less about Theodosius Bartow than about his family, it is remarkable in many ways. One way is the interweaving of loyalists and patriots in Revolutionary-era society. These were handled nicely in the landed classes and maybe not so much in the working class. The standing of woman at that time, again restricted to the families of means, was quite high due to their education and bearing. It is interesting to see the life of the time through the lens of one of the prominent people in our parish in the Colonial era.

Thanks to Wikipedia and the Hermitage Museum web site for some information.

Robert M. Kelly, Jr.
Parish Historian



“Lord Almighty, in whose Name the founders of this country won liberty for themselves and for us, and lit the torch of freedom for nations then unborn: Grant that we and all the people of this land may have grace to maintain our liberties in righteousness and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.”
(Collect for Independence Day)

Win a Chance to See Inside the Clock Tower!

Yes this is the town clock that is part of Christ Episcopal Church!



It is historic, eerily quiet, and fascinating. It has four levels with remarkable aspects on each level. You can see the pendulum, the winding mechanism for the clock and the bell, the shafts that drive the three clockfaces, and the bell itself. How can you be so lucky? You can if you are one of the three winners of the raffle that is being run to raise funds for clock repair and maintenance. Each winner can bring two others along!

The \$5 tickets are on sale through the Christ Church parish office and the Shrewsbury Historical Society.

In addition tickets can be purchased at the following events

- Shrewsbury Book Faire - April 9th at the County Eastern Branch Library
- Shrewsbury Memorial Day Celebration - May 30th at Patriot Island
- Independence Day Celebration - July 4th at the Allen House

The drawing is at that last event.

This is a once in a lifetime experience in which you can see a rarely visited part of our history.

Christ Church Parish: historian@christchurchshrewsbury.org

Shrewsbury Historical Society: donaldburden@verizon.net

Blessings Shared
Parish Finance Update
(May 2016)
Year to Date Totals

May, 2016

Category	Actual	Budget	\$ Over Budget
Plate	\$1,652.37	\$1,484.00	\$168.37
Pledge	\$65,607.13	\$60,735.00	\$4,872.13
Total Income	\$85,068.54	\$85,306.56	\$(238.02)
Total Expense	\$88,119.89	\$94,168.13	\$(6,048.24)

Net Income \$(3,051.35) \$(8,861.57) \$5,810.22

Notes:

1. The financials show that YTD, we have spent \$3051.35 more than we received in income from all sources.
2. Our current budget shows that our total income is \$238.00 less than budgeted year to date.
3. Our current expenses are running \$8861.00 less than budgeted. These lower expenses help to minimize our deficit.
4. Our pledge income YTD is \$4872.00 higher than budgeted. This is excellent news and we really appreciate everyone's support.
5. The flea market fundraiser exceeded all expectations reaching \$3149.36 or 20% higher than last year. I would like to offer a special thank you to everyone who worked so hard on this fundraiser.

As always, we thank you for continued support of Christ Church.

Sincerely,
David Regiec - Treasurer

A Stewardship Note!

Thank you all for keeping your pledges up to date! Just a reminder, many of you will be travelling and not attending church during the summer months. Even though you might not be here, don't forget to mail your pledge in, or pay in advance if you know you won't be around. Thank you for all your continued support.

Peggy James
Stewardship Chair

July 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>Office Hours: <i>Tue. – Fri.</i> 9AM – 2PM</p>					<p>1 Rector's day off</p> <p>7:30PM AA meeting</p>	<p>2</p> <p>5:00PM Mass on the Grass Service</p>
<p>3</p> <p>9AM Holy Eucharist Independence Day Celebration</p>	<p>4 Office closed Independence Day</p> <p>10am MCHA Allen House Declaration reading & raffle drawing</p>	<p>5</p> <p>7:15PM Meditation Group</p>	<p>6</p> <p>8PM AA Meeting</p>	<p>7</p> <p>5:30-7PM Thirsty Thursday @ David & Dianne Regiec's</p> <p>8:30PM AA Meeting</p>	<p>8 Rector's day off</p> <p>7:30PM AA meeting</p>	<p>9</p> <p>10AM MCDM meeting - library</p> <p>5:00PM Mass on the Grass Service</p>
<p>10</p> <p>9AM Holy Eucharist</p> <p>1AM – 5 PM M.C. Genealogy Society meeting Church and P.H.</p>	<p>11 Office closed</p> <p>9AM – 3PM Embroidery Guild</p> <p>10AM Clergy lectionary group - library</p>	<p>12</p> <p>7:15PM Meditation Group</p>	<p>13</p> <p>8PM AA Meeting</p>	<p>14</p> <p>5:30-7PM Thirsty Thursday @ TBA</p> <p>8:30PM AA meeting</p>	<p>15 Rector's day off</p> <p>7:30PM AA meeting</p>	<p>16</p> <p>GFS camp ML+ away</p> <p>5:00PM Mass on the Grass Service</p>
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<p>24</p> <p>9AM Holy Eucharist</p>	<p>25 Office closed</p> <p>10AM Clergy lectionary group - library</p>	<p>26</p> <p>7:15PM Meditation Group</p>	<p>27</p> <p>8PM AA Meeting</p>	<p>28 Rector's day off</p> <p>5:30-7PM Thirsty Thursday @ TBA</p> <p>8:30PM AA meeting</p>	<p>29</p> <p>10am-2pm Covenant House Beach Day</p> <p>7:30PM AA meeting</p>	<p>30</p> <p>5:00PM Mass on the Grass Service</p>
<p>31</p> <p>9AM Holy Eucharist</p>						

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"Be friends with Christ Church Shrewsbury" and then invite your friends to be our friend so we all can be informed and connected to events in our community.

SPREAD THE GOOD NEWS OF JESUS CHRIST. BRING SOMEONE TO CHURCH WITH YOU.

The Reverend Lisa S. Mitchell, Rector
The Reverend Mary Frances Schjonberg, Priest Associate
The Reverend Victoria Cuff, Deacon
The Reverend William Balmer, Deacon
The Reverend Carolyn Bradley, Deacon
The Reverend Eve Chamberlain, Deacon
Chris Psolka, Organist/Choirmaster
Casey Surgent, Office Administrator
Jeff Veil, Sexton

VESTRY 2016

Elaine Feyereisen - Senior Warden, Communications
Peggy James - Junior Warden, Stewardship
Julie Sinn Cassidy – Young Family Initiative (y-fi)
Walter Dein - Property
Tara Dunford - Stewardship
Joanne Montgomery – Fundraising
Jim O'Connor – Outreach
Rita Saible – Parish Life
Rachele Spencer Mikita - Outreach
Newly appointed members:
Pamela Aschettino
Jamie Green

Treasurer—David Regiec
Asst. Treasurer--Lynn Marengo
Vestry Clerk – Nancy Stewart



Chorus of the Atlantic - International Barbershop Harmony Society -
Red Bank Area Chapter performing at the Christ Church "Star Spangled Celebration"