

# 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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*Photo by Jeff Veil*

For God Alone, O my soul, wait in silence, for my hope is from God. – Psalm 62:6

*May you keep a Holy Lent, as we await the Resurrection of the Lord.*

*“In all that you do, you are to nourish Christ’s people from the riches of his grace,  
and strengthen them to glorify God in this life and in the life to come.”*

*- from the Ordination of a Priest, the BCP*

Dear Friends,

Last week in our EFM seminar group, the subject of just what it is that priests are supposed to be doing came up during our discussion. Everyone had slightly different takes on just what it should mean, and I did as well. When asked, I replied that I believe the chief work of a priest is to equip the saints (that is, those gathered in the weekly community of faith) for the work of the ministry, as Paul so eloquently states it in the letter to the Ephesians. My ministry is to see that *you* are prepared to go out into the world and be all that Christ desires you to be.

Everything else: the buildings and grounds, the finances, who is serving what at the coffee hour – all that is important to me, but in reality? They are important in so far as those things help drive us toward our goal of bringing the kingdom of God into this present realm. And when those things lead us *away* from that? Well, then it might be time to rethink those things. So when the Vestry meets to figure out the details of all we do and all we wish to do, my real job is to step back and try to see how each ministry, each word, each deed, and every dream fits into who we are as Christians and how we might be Christ’s hands and heart and voice to a world in need of transformation.

I have been giving this particular thought lately, as this March 24th marks the 30th anniversary of my ordination to the priesthood. Thirty is an important “marker” for priests because after thirty years of continuous, full-time parish ministry one is fully vested – and ready for retirement! Now for me, I will not be fully vested until May; it has to do with the unpaid weeks I had between my parishes in California and Oklahoma. No, I am not ready for retirement quite yet, but what it does mean is that anything else is the proverbial “icing on the cake”.

It also means I have been thinking much lately on this ministry that has been entrusted to me. How well have I done? What could I – or should I - have done differently? In the years still ahead of me, what might I wish to accomplish?

In my Desk Calendar for the week after I was ordained, I had written the following: *Plan for the acolyte meeting.....get the notice out for the liturgy meeting....buy food for Saturday’s brunch... work on the prayers of the people... plan for Wednesday’s Youth Mass, potluck and Youth Group meeting... attend Tuesday’s clergy luncheon... write thank you notes (for the ordination)... check on the cross for Good Friday... contact Hawaii about the Youth Mission Trip... find out about the next regional Confirmation.....*

Some of these things I had no recollection of at all. Some brought back fond memories. It also reminded me of how little has changed in the thirty years that I have been at this. Technology may change, politics may change, and society may change. But what it means to be a follower of Christ? And what it means to be a parish priest? Those possess that constancy that keep us anchored and focused on the path God has laid out before us. I believe may be ready for another thirty years!

Peace,

*Mother Lisa+*



## **Notes from the Senior Warden**

During the month of February, the vestry members met in retreat to renew our strength in the Lord, and to begin plans for this coming year. We coined our year – “2020 Vision”, and began to develop plans for the care of our parish as a family, within the community and in the world at large.

We were led through several meditation exercises by Mother Lisa, which encouraged everyone to read and discuss several passages. Discussion ensued wherein everyone shared their relationship to the readings and brought about shared insight. During this day, each vestry member provided brief personal information that allowed us to become better acquainted. It is with a varied background and inclination that each person has come to this parish and subsequently become a member of the vestry. We embrace the differences in our paths, and know that this will provide insightful discussion and plans for the future.

Each of the vestry members has embraced a commission and has begun to plan for implementation of tasks within their commission. We hope to include most of the events and actions of the past and to add involvement of parishioners in each of the commissions. The vestry members cannot do it alone. We all encourage and applaud the involvement of the parish family.

Plans are underway for the Eggstravaganza Fundraiser, and the St. Patrick’s Day Dinner. A revised Graveyard Commission will make plans for the continued care of our cemetery. Research is underway to expand our outreach to other parts of the world. Local outreach is to continue and perhaps become more defined. There is a plan for our Spring Sidewalk Sale being developed. Financial aspects of the parish have two new vestry members included in the weekly or monthly review along with the other members of the finance committee. There is continued review of the property projects with new eyes along with those who take on the everyday property tasks. Each commission will develop a plan to include and enhance our work as a parish.

Our first actual business meeting will be in March. We will review each of the commissions and define the first or next steps within each and develop the plans for implementation. I look forward to working with Mother Lisa, Peggy James and the rest of the Vestry Members during this year.

*Elaine Feyereisen*



Get Your Irish On at Our March 14<sup>th</sup>

St. Patrick's Day Dinner!



The Church will hold our annual St. Patrick's Day dinner on **Saturday, March 14**, from 5:00-8:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

As in previous years, we will be serving home-made corned beef and roasted cabbage, potatoes, and carrots, along with shepherds' pies (with beef), vegan shepherds' pies, macaroni and cheese, tasty desserts, coffee, tea and water. This will be a BYOB dinner.

We will charge \$20 for adults and \$10 for children 6-12. Children under age 6 eat free.

To reserve your place for this joyous celebration, please contact **Joanne Montgomery** at [Jojomini1959@gmail.com](mailto:Jojomini1959@gmail.com), at 732-991-0353, or sign the reservation sheet in the parish house.

Our intrepid keyboard artist Chris O'Psolka will accompany diners with sing-alongs of familiar Irish-American ditties during the event supplemented by parishioner Seamus McGreen's offerings of traditional Irish songs.

We will also be offering baskets for an auction during the dinner (think not just St. Patrick's Day but Easter and springtime goodies—plants and flowers, anyone?) and a table selling parishioners' baked goods—Irish and otherwise.

Please let **Halina Nibling** know what baked goods you can bring, either by signing up in the parish house or by contacting her at 732-496-9741.

As always, volunteers are needed to help with baking, decorating, setting up, serving and cleaning up. Please let dinner coordinator **Jamie Green** know how you can help by signing the volunteer sheets in the parish house or by emailing or phoning him with any questions or offers at [jxgreen0@gmail.com](mailto:jxgreen0@gmail.com) or 732-693-5953.

We hope to see you there!

*Images of the 2019 St. Patrick's Day Dinner*



## PARISH NEWS & NOTES

Congratulations to Leisel (Garweg) and Rico Rauschmayer on the birth of their son Fynn Rico. Fynn born on February 13 in Germany. He was 7lbs., 5oz. He joins his sister Liya (3). His grandparents are parishioners Abe and Denise Garweg.

Condolences to parishioner/Vestrymen Mark Roth on the passing of his mother Ruth Roth.

### 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.

### PARISH PRAYER LIST

Please note: The Prayer List is updated on a continual basis. **NEXT MONTH** we will be updating the prayer list. **ALL names will be removed.** You **MUST** notify the office if you would like a name to REMAIN on 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)

**For the sick and suffering, and those in any need or trouble:** \*Mignon Williams, \*Cassie Reagan, \*John Smalls, \*Joan, \*Marion Phillips, \*Jim Miller, \*Beverly Ryser, \*Judi Buncher, \*Carolyn, \*MiMi Brown, \*Sarah Schmid, \*Susan Van Valkenburg, \*Tara Dunford, \*Irwin Rapolla, \*Lisa Ficarelli-Halpern, \*Kristen Downs, John Veil, Jennifer Turner, Pam, Stan Brower, Queeni, Jocelyn, Mariwether Schmid, Julie, Heather Lance, Pat and Bob Rivenes, Cindy and John Jobe, Vivian Hillborn, Lea Gallagher, Vieux, Judy, Bob Fitzgerald, Mary Ellen, Tammy, Alicia Binn, Ben Gizzi, Savita, Farshid, Peedy, Gil, Edie, Julia, Marlene, Bert, Barbara Murgio, Sherrie, Pat Coene, the Fontana family, Bob, Cora Miller, James McKittrick, Don Smith, Fran Gorey, Greg, Frosty Romano, Judy Gregor, Jack Sauber, Rico and Liesel Rauschmayer, Bob, Jim Halpern, Joe, Jane Barnes, Jay Curlee, Alison, Rick, Geraldine Watson. *May they be relieved of their distress.*

**For parishioners and friends serving in the armed forces both here and abroad:** Traver, Michael, Bo, Travis "TJ" Wilson, Aaron, Jacqueline Brattan. *May they serve in safety and with honor.*



*Thank you for your time and efforts..*

### Super Bowl Contest Thank you

No matter what team you were cheering on, we consider all our participants WINNERS! You helped raise \$112 for The Father Mainer Fund for the Poor. Thank you to all who supported our Super Bowl Sunday Challenge!

Thank you *Lynn Marengo* for your donation of the new office shredder!

Thank you *Kim Honecker* for financially sponsoring the annual fee for our Shrewsbury Community garden plot.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS.....



**Remember to change your clocks – Daylight Saving time begins Sunday, March 8th!**



Diocesan Convention is a time when representatives from around our diocese gather to share in the polity of the Church, upholding the common mission and ministry of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Christ Church Deputies, Kim Roberts-Honecker, Georgette King and Alternate Allie Cummings, will be attending the 236<sup>th</sup> Convention which will be held at the Crowne Plaza, Cherry Hill, NJ 08002 on March 7, 2020

## Peak of the Week.....

Join us Wednesday mornings for  
**Peak Madness in March**  
Who will win the Golden Halo?

We have just ended our reading and discussion of a series of mysteries set in Ireland around the time of the Council of Whitby in 664. That Council brought about major changes in the way the Church acted as it decided for the way of Rome as opposed to the Irish way. It was a watershed period of time which greatly influenced culture and society beyond the walls of the Church.

Ash Wednesday will mark the beginning of Peak of the Week's annual foray into the **purpleness** of Lent Madness. Beginning with "Ash Thursday" we will venture into the crazy fun-ness of the competition of saint against saint. Join us for our discussions of the various saints on their quest for the Golden Halo.

Casey has copies of the official Saintly Scorecard, for just \$1.00. Join the fun on Wednesdays at 9:30 for Morning Prayer followed by the Peak in the Week discussions at 10:15. We have snacks too, saintly and otherwise.

# Pancake Breakfast

Church School invites you to join us for a  
Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, March 1st

During coffee hour  
following the 10am church service.



Good will donations will be donated to  
Martha's Cupboard

## Second Saturday Workday

Saturday, March 14th beginning at 10am we are seeking a few extra hands to do some easy spring cleaning. Our front porch benches need cleaning and some flowers planted in the boxes. Other Flower beds need some tending to and small fallen branches picked up. March 14<sup>th</sup> is also the day of our St. Patty's dinner so we will be sprucing up for that! Please come join us if only for a short time. This is a good opportunity for those who need to earn community service credit. Snacks and such will be provided. Thank you, *Walter Dein, Second Saturday Chair Person*

## Girls Friendly Society

It's Bunko Night! Mark your calendar for Saturday, March 28th from 6pm to 8pm. The entire parish (and friends too) are invited to attend. Dinner will be served! Prizes for everyone! And speaking of prizes, we invite our members to donate prizes for the evening. You can drop them during the week before the event, or bring them that afternoon. Girls and their moms will gather at 4:30 to set up for the evening.

## Youth Group Prime

Our March 1st event has been cancelled due to a conflict in schedules, but we will be meeting on Sunday, March 15 at 5pm. Dinner will be served! Our Youth are also invited to assist at the St. Patty's Dinner. *Service hours awarded and dinner too!*



## **ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER**

Back by popular demand

**Saturday, March 14th**

**5pm to 8 pm!**

-  Gift baskets
-  Delicious food
-  Fabulous fellowship!

**\$20.00 per adult**

**\$10.00 children 6-12**

**Under 6 FREE**

*Reservation Sign-up sheet in the parish  
house on bulletin board*

## LOOKING AHEAD.....



### ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

Looking for a way to get involved and have fun? April is around the corner which means Easter and our Annual Easter Egg Hunt.

**Seeking a volunteer(s) to organize and run the Hunt this year.** For those of you who are new to our congregation, the Hunt takes place following the Easter Service. Parishioners donate filled plastic eggs and/or candy for filling eggs. Two special eggs Called the “Alleluia Egg” are hidden. If you are the lucky child who finds it, you win a lamb cake. Other volunteers bake the lamb cakes. I’d be happy to share the particulars with you if you are interested. I even have inspirational pictures!!!

There’s nothing like the sound of our children’s happy squeals as they run willy-nilly through the graveyard in search of eggs.

Become an integral part of our Christ Church tradition. Volunteer to run the Hunt, donate eggs, hide them or bake a lamb cake. Call me 732-272-5135, email [susienap@yahoo.com](mailto:susienap@yahoo.com) or see me at coffee hour.

### DONATIONS NEEDED FOR OUR ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

Our annual Hunt will be held once again on Easter Sunday morning following our 10am Service. We are seeking donations of filled plastic eggs. Need eggs – see Sue Nap on Sunday. Will also gladly accept unfilled eggs and bags of candy. Please put any donations on Mrs. Nap’s desk in the Sunday School.

#### **Seeking 2 volunteers to bake the Lamb Cakes**

Please contact Sue Nap. at church or call 732-229-0436



### **Holy Week bulletin assembly help needed.**

Please join me on **Tuesday morning, April 7th at 11:00am** in the parish house. Coffee and Danish will be provided. Many hands will make the work go faster. Please let me know if you think you are available to help out. *Thanks so much, Casey*

### **MAUNDY THURSDAY VIGIL SIGN UP**

Every year the people of Christ Church keep a night-long vigil from the end of the Maundy Thursday Service to the beginning of the Liturgy for Good Friday. Slots are for one hour; spend the time alone or sign up with a friend. The list is on the bulletin board next to the kitchen in the Parish House.

## OUTREACH



Toiletries, laundry/cleaning supplies, gift cards, monetary donations, etc. are always accepted!

### **Eyeglass donations**

We continue to collect unwanted eyeglasses for The Lions Club. There is a drop off box in the Parish House. Lions Club International is the largest volunteer service organization in the world. There are several clubs in New Jersey. Lions raise money and provide services for the support of organizations that help blind people and the visually impaired. They send used glasses to a volunteer center where they are tested and rebuilt and then sent all over the world and given to deserving people free. *Tom Cameron, W. Long Branch Lions Club Member*

*We are currently collecting pull tabs for Ronald McDonald House. Please bring your donations to the church or parish house.*



*Thank you*

## Who's Who in Christ Church Leadership

2020

*There have been many changes at Christ Church in our leadership this year. Below you will find the names and commissions of those who are currently holding positions within the Parish. Please feel free to contact them with any questions, suggestions, and especially if you would like to serve on a committee. We are grateful to them for their service!*

Elaine Feyereisen	Senior Warden
Peggy James	Junior Warden & Stewardship

### **Vestry Members**

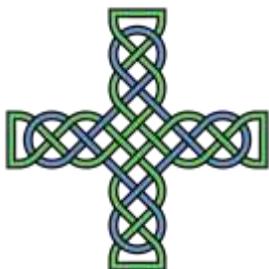
Dianne Regiec	Parish Life
Mark Roth	Property Projects Coordinator
Walter Dein	Property Day to Day
Connie Goddard	Regional Outreach
Edgar John	Overseas Outreach
Joanne Montgomery	Christmas Bazaar
Larry Nibbling	Finance

### **Other Changes in Leadership**

Steve Craven	Treasurer
Mark Roth	Graveyard Chair
Jamie Green	Parish Historian

### **“Theological Education Sunday” Envelopes**

Have you been wondering what is up with those little pink “Theological Sunday Envelopes” found in your box of Pledge Envelopes? The contributions we receive from those envelopes go to help pay scholarships for participants in EFM at Christ Church. So don't simply lay them aside or throw them away! They are one way you can help to assist others in their education and maturation in the Faith.



## **Parish House Bathroom Project Update**

The scope of the project includes an update to both the women's and men's bathroom, including making the women's bathroom handicapped accessible.

**Women's bathroom:** Remove both fixtures and the privacy panels. Widen the entry doorway and install new door. Replace one toilet with new handicapped accessible fixture. Replace drop ceiling and light fixtures. Install ADA compliant sink and grab bars where appropriate. Install vinyl plank flooring and base.

**Men's bathroom:** Install new ceiling tiles and light fixtures. Install vinyl plank flooring and base. Replace toilet with new unit.

**Both bathrooms:** Prep and paint final project. Both bathrooms would become single person use. Doors would indicate that one is handicapped accessible, but both are for use by each gender.

**WE ARE ALMOST THERE...Total project cost:** \$6175. So far, through 2 grants and the donations of parishioners, we have **\$5730**. *Please help us to fill the gap of \$445 by making a donation with your check indicating “Bathroom Project”.* In November, it was suggested that parishioners consider donating \$25 for each bathroom in their own home toward their church home improvement; however any donation to make up the difference would be appreciated. It is hoped to get this project underway in March. Please help make that happen!  
*Elaine Feyereisen*



## **We have just a few Moravian Pies left - better get them before there gone!!**

You can pick one up on Sundays or during office hours until we are sold out. Each pie serves four generously and comes to you at a low cost of \$14.00. Pies come frozen and ready to go straight into your freezer or into your oven.

# March 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>1</b> <b>Lent I</b> 8AM Holy Eucharist 10AM Holy Eucharist <i>Church School</i> <b>Pancake breakfast</b>	<b>2</b> <b>Office closed</b> 10am Clergy lectionary group-library  6:30PM EFM-Rectory	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 9:30-11:15AM Peak of the Week- P.H.  7-9PM Knitting Pearls 8PM AA Meeting	<b>5</b>  8:30PM AA Meeting	<b>6</b> <b>Rector's day off</b>  7:30PM AA meeting	<b>7</b> Diocesan Convention
<b>8</b> <i>Daylight Saving time</i> <b>Lent II</b>  8AM Holy Eucharist 10AM Holy Eucharist <i>Church School</i>	<b>9</b> <b>Office closed</b> 10am Clergy lectionary group-library  6:30PM EFM-Rectory	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 9:30-11:15AM Peak of the Week- P.H.  7-9PM Knitting Pearls 8PM AA Meeting	<b>12</b>  8:30PM AA Meeting	<b>13</b> <b>Rector's day off</b>  7:30PM AA meeting	<b>14</b> 10am-4pm 2 <sup>nd</sup> Saturday Workday   5 PM <b>St. Patrick's Day Dinner/Party Parish House</b>
<b>15</b> <b>Lent III</b>  8AM Holy Eucharist 10AM Holy Eucharist <i>Church School</i>	<b>16</b> <b>Office closed</b> 10am Clergy lectionary group-library  6:00pm <b>Vestry meeting</b>	<b>17</b> <b>MI+ vacation</b>	<b>18</b> 9:30AM-11:15AM Peak of the Week-PH <b>MI+ vacation</b>  7-9PM Knitting Pearls 8PM AA Meeting	<b>19</b> <b>MI+ vacation</b>  6:30PM EFM - Rectory  8:30PM AA meeting	<b>20</b> <b>Rector's day off</b>  <b>MI+ vacation</b>  7:30PM AA meeting	<b>21</b> <b>MI+ vacation</b>
<b>22</b> <b>Lent IV</b> <b>MI+ vacation</b>  8AM Holy Eucharist 10AM Holy Eucharist <i>Church School</i>	<b>23</b> <b>Office closed</b>  6:30PM EFM - Rectory	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 9:30AM - 11:15AM Peak of the Week- P.H.  7-9PM Knitting Pearls 8PM AA Meeting	<b>26</b>  8:30PM AA meeting	<b>27</b> <b>Rector's day off</b>  7:30PM AA meeting	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> <b>Lent V</b>  8AM Holy Eucharist 10AM Holy Eucharist <i>Church School</i>	<b>30</b> <b>Office closed</b> 10am Clergy lectionary group-library  6:30PM EFM - Rectory	<b>31</b>  <i>Easter memorial flower donations due</i>				

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*The Communications Team reminds you to check the web site for current parish news.*

*www.christchurchshrewsbury.org*



"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 Victoria Cuff, Deacon  
Chris Psolka, Organist/Choirmaster  
Casey Surgent, Office Administrator  
Jeff Veil, Sexton

### **VESTRY 2020**

Elaine Feyereisen – Senior Warden  
Peggy James – Junior Warden, Stewardship  
Walter Dein – Building and Grounds  
Connie Goddard - Outreach  
Edgar John – Overseas Missions  
Larry Nibbling - Finance  
Joanne Montgomery – Bazaar Chair  
Dianne Regiec – Parish Life  
Mark Roth – Property Coordinator

Treasurer – Stephen Craven  
Asst. Treasurer--Lynn Marengo, Larry Nibbling  
Vestry Clerk – Nancy Stewart

## **EASTER MEMORIAL FLOWER OFFERING**

(Please **PRINT** neatly)

In memory of:

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In thanksgiving for:

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Requested by:

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Pledge # \_\_\_\_\_ Offering \$ \_\_\_\_\_

All requests must be made by Tuesday, March 31st. Please make checks payable to "Christ Church Altar Guild"