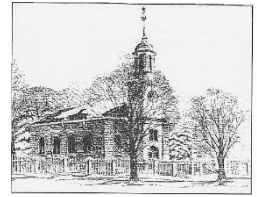


THE CROWN

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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Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

Easter at Christ Church: See inside for more pics.

“For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it?” Luke 14.28

Dear Friends,

This is a verse I think our ancestors must have been contemplating when they planned for the Christ Church Rectory. They did well! For the house was built two hundred years ago this year, and it is still proudly standing at 329 Sycamore Avenue, where it has housed our clergy for many generations.

After all these years, the house is still beautiful; I have loved living there for the past twenty-eight years! It is full of character and sometimes the walls themselves do seem to be speaking, sharing secrets of the past with us today.

That said, there is much work that needs to be done. In 2022 we kicked off a Rectory Campaign to address the much-needed maintenance and updating to the house. The house is a HUGE asset for the church. Think about it: without it, how would our parish ever be able to afford to house a priest and his/her family in this area of Monmouth County? I’m not sure it could be done! And of course, the close location of the Rectory means I never miss out on anything happening at the church; it is a brief five-minute walk, no matter what the weather.

For Phase One of the Rectory Campaign, parishioners pledged close to \$110,000. We have received quite a bit of that already. And we are now beginning the work, which I would like to tell you about.

In a few days, Prawn’s Windows and Doors, a local company that has been in business for many years, will be arriving at the Rectory to begin the task of replacing 26 windows and the three doors that lead into the house. This will immediately give us savings, as currently the curtains blow whenever the wind comes along. Steve Porowski, who has done a lot of work for us over the past years, is constructing custom covers for the radiators downstairs (the upstairs will perhaps be done a bit later). We converted to gas heat a few years ago, and this will save us the costly expense of completely removing the radiators.

In early June, the painters will arrive and begin work on the downstairs; then they will tackle upstairs. In addition to painting, they will do much-needed repairs to the walls. The last time the interior of the Rectory was painted was in 1997 (with the exception of me sprucing up my children’s bedrooms from time to time). You can imagine how much the place needs a fresh coat of paint!

This is not all: the twelve-year-old water heater recently bit the dust and will be replaced shortly (no more cold showers!). The basement sump pump, which is no longer working, will also be replaced.

These are the goings-on for the next few weeks. But that does not mean the work is done. We continue to *sit down, estimate the costs*, and care for this beautiful house that God has entrusted to us, just as our predecessors did. We cherish the fact that what they did two hundred years ago is still a wonderful, functioning asset for us. It is the intention of your vestry (and priest!) to make sure we have a Rectory that will continue to serve our parish for many more generations to come. We can do that because of the generosity of the people of Christ Church.

Keep tuned! I hope to host several events at the Rectory this summer and fall so that every single member of our congregation has an opportunity to come take a look at the Rectory. It is, after all, your home too.

Peace,
Mother Lisa+

PARISH NEWS & NOTES

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

The Parish office hours are Tuesdays through Fridays, 10 am to 2 pm.

ANY CHANGES?

Please inform us of any changes in address, e-mail, or telephone number so we can keep our records up to date. Please send us an email or call the Church Office at 732-741-2220.

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome our new members:

Jean Fiorelli
The Marino Family

IN REQUIEM

Frank Aschettino, husband of Pam Aschettino
passed away on April 26, 2025.

*May his soul and the souls of all the faithful
departed rest in peace and may perpetual light
shine upon them. Amen*

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED



For the sick and suffering, and those in any need or trouble: *Anderson Pedalino, *Bill Balmer, *Carolyn, *Cassie Reagan, *Dianne Regiec, *Jim Miller, *Joan, *John Smalls, *Judi Buncher, *Julia Walsh, *Larry Nibbling, *Mimi Brown, *Pam Diamond, *Brother Richard Biernacki, *Richard Brugger, *Rod Webster, *Sarah Schmid, Victoria Cuff, Diane Smith, Doris, Greg Shaljian, Jack Sauber, Jocelyn, John Veil, Linda Forrest, Lynn McKittrick, Meriwether Schmid, Mignon Williams, Pam, Pat & Bob Rivenes, Peddy, Roger Cuthbert, Todd Diamond

**Denotes members of Christ Church*

AN ALLELUIA THANK YOU!



Where do I begin with the Thank Yous? Holy Week and Easter at Christ Church is a huge commitment with many moving parts. I am thankful for the work of the Altar Guild who set up for services and made everything so beautiful. For Fiona and our two choirs who sounded amazing; I know firsthand how much practice that took! To our Acolytes, Lectors, and Ushers who make everything look so simple. For the Youth Group who made delicious cupcakes for Easter morning. For Matthew Dunford and his family who took care of all the logistics surrounding the Egg Hunt (and made one of the Lamb Cakes, as well). To Peggy James who made the other Lamb Cake and Marie Maber for the Alleluia Eggs. And to our parishioners who were welcoming to all who entered in and made this Easter a true celebration. As it says above, I am “so very thankful, incredibly grateful, unbelievably blessed.

Mother Lisa+

PARISH LIFE

ECW: EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN



The ECW met on **Sunday, April 27th during the Coffee Hour** to make ribboned book markers for the Prayer Books and Hymnals in our pews.

This month we are supporting the Panera Fundraiser (Raising the Dough) by having supper together on **Saturday, May 17th at 6:00 pm**. The proceeds go to benefit the church. All women sixteen years and older are considered members of ECW, so do come join us!

GIRL'S FRIENDLY SOCIETY (GFS)



GFS was busy in April -- making palm crosses with various members of the congregation and baking Easter bread, which was as delicious as we remembered! Big thank you to Mother Lisa and Dorrie for manning the kitchen and to Amelie who turned out to be our star cross designer!

May will be a quiet month as everyone finishes up with school, but we have events on the horizon! Our annual Mother / Daughter Retreat will take place June 6th, 7th & 8th at our beloved Holiday House in Cape May. There is a flyer in the Parish House or contact Stacy for more details. I'd love to get our reservations in as soon as possible. Retreat is always a lovely time, and if your child is thinking about attending camp, it is an excellent way to get familiar with GFS and with Holiday House.

Also coming up quickly is GFS New Jersey Summer Camp. Also at Holiday House in Cape May, we will be doing a 4-day camp, July 16th – 20th. Forms will be going out shortly! Call Stacy with any questions -- (732) 859-3585.

EPISCOPAL YOUTH COMMUNITY



On Maundy Thursday, the youth gathered after the Maundy Thursday service in the Parish House. We made a lot of cupcakes for Easter Sunday, had dinner together, and burned palms for ashes for next year's Ash Wednesday Service. We also had quite a bit of fun playing games and telling ghost stories in the library. We ended the evening with a one-hour watch in the church at the Vigil, where we kept the Stations of the Cross, with the theme of living through the pandemic and how it affected each of our families. Such a wonderful time! We hope to have something special planned for June, so do keep tuned!

WEEKEND IN OLD MONMOUTH

**VISIT OVER 50 HISTORIC SITES & MUSEUMS
FOR FREE!!**

SATURDAY, MAY 3 FROM 10 A.M. TO 5 P.M.

SUNDAY, MAY 4 FROM 12 P.M. TO 5 P.M.

Weekend in Old Monmouth is Saturday May 3rd & Sunday May 4th. Christ Church will be displaying several of our best historical artifacts and artwork through the centuries - including Then and Now photographs, the Vinegar Bible and the 1738 Charter.

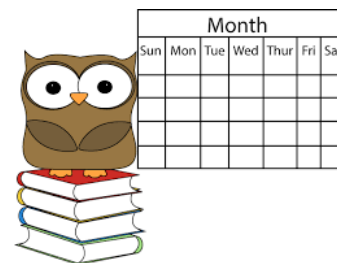
Visit [Weekend in Old Monmouth](#) for a list of the sites participating and a virtual tour.

YOUTH SUNDAY



Youth Sunday will be held Sunday **June 1st at the 10:15 am service**. We will be celebrating the many ministries and activities that involve our children and youth. Don't miss it!

IT'S TIME TO PLAY CALENDAR CASHOUT!



What is Calendar Cashout? You pick your favorite dates: anniversaries, birthdays, whatever date is important to you! \$5.00 secures each date with your name, and no one else can take it. When we go back to our regular service schedule in September, we will draw out ONE date from the year. If it is yours – you will receive half of the total take! It's fun to play and easy, too. Look for the Calendar at Coffee Hours, Bingo Night, and other parish events.

MEN'S BREAKFAST GROUP



The Men's Breakfast Group will be meeting on May 17th from 8:30 – 10 am in the Parish House. Be on the lookout for more details to follow.

SUMMER SERVICES AT CHRIST CHURCH



The Summer Schedule begins the weekend of June 14th - 15th. Service times are as follows:

- Saturday at 5 pm (held outside at the south end of the parking lot)
- Sunday at 10:15 am (inside the church)

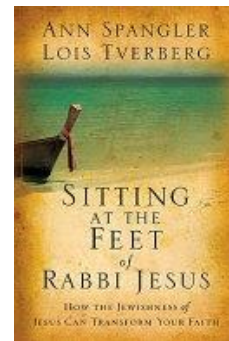
The two services are unique and different, and we hope you find one that suits your own summer schedule.

KEYS – CHURCH & PARISH HOUSE

If you have a key for the church and/or parish house, please e-mail to let us know what you have. We are trying to get a handle on the keys for the parish and seem to not know where they have all gone. If you have a key that you no longer use or don't know what it goes to, just let us know that as well. You can turn it in at the office if you no longer use it. Also, if you have more than one copy of a key, please turn it into the office as well, by tagging it or putting it in an envelope and identifying it. Primarily, we just need to know what keys exist among parishioners. Thank you for your cooperation with this matter.

Elaine, Peggy and Mother Lisa

PEAK IN THE WEEK MAY 2025



The usual practice of Peak in the Week is to take a summer break from the end of May until the beginning of September. With that in mind, the book chosen for May is meant to expand over the summer months when Peak is “breaking”. The book is *Sitting at the Feet of Rabbi Jesus*, written by Ann Spangler and Lois Tverberg.

Spangler and Tverberg take a close look at various Jewish traditions and, sitting at the feet of their Rabbi Jesus, they explain and explore how those traditions worked. Understanding how they worked “way back when” can shed light on how we can deepen our understanding and worship of our Rabbi. We will begin talking about the book in May and then continue individually to read, maybe a chapter a week, over the summer months. The expressed goal of the authors of *Sitting at the Feet of Rabbi Jesus* is to show How the Jewishness of Jesus Can Transform Your Faith. The current edition of the book contains a study guide which can be helpful in getting the most out of the book. The book can be a very meaningful resource for all of us as we strive to find more authentic and meaningful ways of worship. See YOU in September!

Donna Devlin

GRANT FROM THE BROTHERHOOD OF ST. GREGORY

The Vestry extends a hearty thank you to Brother Richard and his organization The Brotherhood of St. Gregory. They have been extremely helpful to the parish of Christ Church once again, with the provision of a grant in the amount of \$1,879 to purchase a new computer for the office. The plan is to do away with the one that Mother Lisa is using, which is exhibiting problems by freezing and losing

information. The next step is to move the one that Francesca is using into Mother Lisa's office. The new equipment will go on Francesca's desk and be equipped with 2 monitors and plenty of storage and speed, and the ability to easily use all the programs and printer.

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS NEEDED!



The coffee hour sign-up sheet for May through August is now posted on the bulletin in the Parish House. Please stop by the office, or give us a call / email, to sign up. As always, we are grateful to all our hosts!

SHREWSBURY GALA CLOCKTOWER VISIT

Several weeks ago, The Shrewsbury Boro School held their Gala Fundraiser. Once again, we donated a basket that among other things, included a visit to the Christ Church Clocktower. The Reid family of Shrewsbury won the basket! Jeff Veil and Mother Lisa met those lucky winners at the Rose Garden on April 25th for a tour of the graveyard, church, and of course a trip up the clock tower. We are delighted to be a part of our community and to allow our community to enjoy the view from atop our cupola!



Mother Lisa with the Reid Family

CHOIR CELEBRATION

Twelve choristers (and Jeff Veil, photographer) gathered at the home of Peggy James for a wonderful dinner on Friday, April 25th. The dinner was planned in honor of our Organist/Choirmaster, Fiona Sutherland, and to celebrate all the hard work our St. Gregory's Choir did through Holy Week and Easter. Thank you, Peggy and John, for opening your home to us!



FLEA MARKET JUNE 28TH!



The annual Christ Church Flea Market has been scheduled! Start collecting your items for the flea market - perhaps your basement or attic or closets are hiding goodies that could be sold at the flea market. Please follow these guidelines:

- a. No clothing
- b. Items should be clean, free of attic dust and dirt
- c. No large furniture - one person should be able to lift it
- d. Limit the Christmas items
- e. No electronics such as TVs; especially outdated items
- f. CDs and albums sell well
- g. Puzzles, toys, and games sell well

Keep your items at your home until after June 16th! Please don't store the items at the parish house until after the 16th since we use the parish house for other events.

Plan to come to the flea market - we will also need assistance pricing the items and setting up during the week of June 23rd.

Further details are coming!

Submitted by Elaine and Robin

“IT TAKES A VILLAGE”

**Phoenix and Julien Canoy are Philippine students Christ Church supplies a scholarship for college.*

**Queenie Caay lives in the Philippines and Christ Church sponsored her college education.*

“A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed.”

- Proverbs 11:25

Hello everyone, it's me again Julien. I hope everyone had a Happy Easter Sunday. I wish you all good health and prosperity. To the children of the members of the church may you have good health and more energy in school. Here in the Philippines, most of the schools already have their summer vacation especially those who were in elementary and high schools. Since I am in college we are still in our second term in second semester. But we didn't have classes last week from the 14th to 18th because of the celebration of Holy Week. That is why my family and I had a lot of time to spend together. We baked puto cheese and cooked suman. These are common delicacies in our country. It's a little bit fussy but we did it right as we helped together. I hope I can bake for you all one day.

On Easter morning at 3 am we were greeted by the Rising of the Lord. There in St. Joseph's Church, there were children who wore Angel costumes and sang hallelujah. They were amazing. Then, we attended mass and ate together with my family. It was really a great day. Thank God.

Our regular classes have now resumed. And like a battery I feel like I am recharged. So I thank God for giving me strength and will to pursue my goals. With your help and prayers, I feel like I'm truly blessed.

Always thankful, Julien



Dearest Christ Church Shrewsbury family,

How have you been? I hope you're enjoying calm sunny days now that spring is here. I can't tell yet what winter is like but my boss in Austria says it can be frigid and melancholic. There is beauty in every season, that I can be sure of. But as someone who loves seeing everything blooming, I can say spring is the most refreshing. The air smells nice, and our garden is blooming. Grass also grows back very quickly. If I were there, I'd gladly volunteer to help cut grass in the Garden of Weeden'. It can be tedious, but we all love the smell of fresh-cut grass, don't we? Those days when we've just finished weeding and light showers suddenly pour. It smells like peace. Very pleasant.

I know it's been a little too noisy and messy lately. I've heard and read a lot about what's happening there. The wrongdoings of those people in power have caused tremendous negative effects in our way of living. Every time we hear and read news, it causes us anxiety, and we feel like worse things could happen soon due to their indecisive decisions. I say "we" because I can say the same thing here in the Philippines. We might reach the same conclusions, just different scenarios. One common conclusion is that those at the bottom of the social hierarchical order will suffer the most, and those at the top will sleep in luxury.

But this too shall pass, just like all the bad things that have ever happened in history. God is there to protect humanity but let us also help each other out. Let us pray that those who are struggling the most in our society will get the help they need. I sincerely pray that they may find hope. Because that's what spring is about, it symbolizes hope and new beginnings. It tells us that no matter how harsh the cold winter nights can be, a flower blooms again in its time.

Praying for all of us, Queenie

EASTER AT CHRIST CHURCH!



Saint Mary's Choir



Saint Gregory's Choir



Dash Cassidy at the Lectern



*Mother Lisa, Deacon Bill and
Seminarian Denzel at the door*



*Ruby & Emerald O'Reilly at
their first CC Egg Hunt!*



Matthew Dunford presents Lamb Cakes to Alleluia Egg Winners Dexter Craven and Charlotte McConnell.

PANERA BREAD DAY: RAISE THE DOUGH!

Gather up your children and your friends and head to Panera! Our Raise the Dough Fundraiser is **Saturday, May 17th**. If you dine at the Panera in Shrewsbury from 4 pm to 8 pm, our parish will receive a portion of the proceeds. Bring the flyer with you: print it yourself or pick up a copy at church; you will need to present it at the time you order your food.



We're raising dough!

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4:00 pm to 8:00 pm

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Thursday, May 22

Time: First Numbers Called at 6:00pm

Location: Christ Church Parish House

Cost:

\$25 Donation

*One card for each BINGO round

*One Grand Door Prize Ticket

Additional Tickets:

BINGO cards: \$10

Grand Door Prize: \$3

SIGN UP HERE: <https://forms.gle/XGiMFPMZhR34enso7>

BYOB Beer and Wine!

Snacks and Non-alcoholic Beverages for Purchase

Coming with a group? Reserve a table for 10 people for \$250 and receive an **Extra** Grand Door Prize Ticket for **each person!**

Payment Options:

- **Preferred:** Venmo to Kristen Downs (@KDowns110) and mention Bingo Night in the memo
- Mail a check to Christ Church - 380 Sycamore Ave, Shrewsbury, NJ 07702
- Pay cash on May 22 at the door

Questions?

Lisa Marino	(732) 533-8588	Email: lisamarino216@gmail.com
Kristen Downs	(732) 890-2888	Email: kristendowns110@gmail.com

THOSE WHO SERVE- MAY

May 4 – 10:15 am only

Celebrant: Reverend Terrence Rosheuvel
Deacon: Reverend William Balmer
Acolytes: Joshua Dunford, Matthew Dunford, Denzel Donaldson
Lectors: Robert Maber, Bob Van Valkenburgh
Ushers: Bramley Maber, Christine Maber
Organist/Choirmaster: Fiona Smith Sutherland
Altar Guild: Halina Nibbling
Coffee Hour: ***Host Needed!**

May 11 – 10:15 am only

Celebrant: Reverend Kathleen Bishop
Deacon: Reverend William Balmer
Acolytes: Dexter, Kodi & Abe Craven, Denzel Donaldson
Lectors: Josie Borden, Larry Nibbling
Ushers: Walter Dein, George Edwards
Organist/Choirmaster: Fiona Smith Sutherland
Altar Guild: Colleen & Mark Roth
Coffee Hour: ***Host Needed!**

May 18 – 10:15 am only

Officiant: Reverend William Balmer
Seminarian: Denzel Donaldson
Acolytes: Cassandra Murphy, Josie Borden, Tia LaPiana (CB), Denzel Donaldson
Lectors: Connie Goddard, Mark Roth
Ushers: Larry Nibbling, Connie Goddard
Altar Guild: Cindy Webster
Coffee Hour: Cassandra & Abigail Murphy

May 25

Celebrant: Reverend Lisa Mitchell
Deacon: Reverend William Balmer
Acolytes: 8 am Edgar John, Denzel Donaldson
 10:15 am Joshua Dunford, Matthew Dunford, Denzel Donaldson
Lectors: 8 am Peggy James
 10:15 am Robert Maber, Bob Van Valkenburgh
Ushers: 8 am John Callaghan
 10:15 am Bramley Maber, Christine Maber
Organist/Choirmaster: Fiona Smith Sutherland
Altar Guild: Judi Buncher, Tia LaPiana, Madna Aubry
Coffee Hour: ***Host Needed!**

MAY 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<u>Office Hours:</u> Tue. – Fri. 10 am – 2 pm				1 <u>10 am</u> Choir Practice ML+ Away →	2 →	3 <u>10 am – 5pm</u> Weekend in Old Monmouth →
4 <u>10:15 am</u> Holy Eucharist <u>12 – 5pm</u> Weekend in Old Monmouth →	5 <u>7 pm</u> GFS Zoom *Office Open →	6 →	7 <u>9:30 - 11:15 am</u> Holy Eucharist Peak in the Week *Office Closed →	8 <u>10 am</u> Choir Practice →	9 →	10 →
11 <u>10:15 am</u> Holy Eucharist →	12 Office Closed →	13 →	14 <u>9:30 - 11:15 am</u> Holy Eucharist Peak in the Week →	15 <u>10 am</u> Choir Practice →	16 →	17 <u>8:30 – 10am</u> Men's Breakfast <u>4 – 8pm</u> Panera Fundraiser →
18 <u>10:15 am</u> Holy Eucharist →	19 <u>7 pm</u> Vestry Meeting Office Closed →	20 ML+ Returns	21 <u>9:30 - 11:15 am</u> Holy Eucharist Peak in the Week	22 <u>10 am</u> Choir Practice <u>6 pm</u> Bingo Night	23 →	24 →
25 <u>8 am</u> Holy Eucharist <u>10:15 am</u> Holy Eucharist followed by Memorial Day Service	26 <u>11 am</u> Shrewsbury Memorial Day Service Office Closed	27 →	28 <u>9:30 - 11:15 am</u> Holy Eucharist Peak in the Week	29 <u>10 am</u> Choir Practice	30 →	31 →

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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.
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The Reverend Lisa S. Mitchell, Rector
The Reverend William Balmer, Deacon
Denzel Donaldson, Seminarian
Fiona Smith Sutherland, Organist/Choirmaster
Brother Richard Biernacki, St. Mary's Choir Director
Francesca Parker, Office Administrator
Halina Nibbling, Sexton

VESTRY 2025

Elaine Feyereisen - Senior Warden
Peggy James - Junior Warden, Stewardship
Stephen Craven - Treasurer
Lynn Marengo - Asst. Treasurer
Madna Aubry - Stewardship, GFS Representative
Julie Sinn Cassidy - Youth Ministries
Walter Dein - Property
Sue Napoletano - Church School
Bob Stewart - Graveyard
Susan Sellers – ECW Liaison
Dianne Regiec - Food Insecurity
Nancy Stewart - Vestry Clerk

