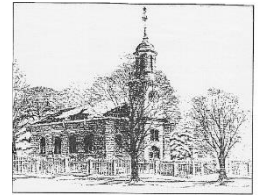


THE CROWN

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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Communion Sunday, May 7, 2023

Summer Service Schedule begins June 17
Saturdays: outdoor service at 5:00 pm
Sundays: in the church at 9:00 am

“I will pour out my Spirit upon all humankind; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy.” Acts 2.17

Dear Friends,

Jennifer Arthur, Carl Gardiner III, Sherri Meade, Lorna Tector, Heather Stewart, Kate Harmon, Kristen Kelly, John Atkins, Evan Balmer, Leslie Beebe, Elizabeth Woods, Melissa Barnes, Sarah Stewart, Erin Balmer, David Murgio, Connie Miller, William Marshall, Katherine Langbein, Robyn Murgio, Heather Forrest, Tobias Carroll, Mary Ann Schneider, Caren Sanecki, Peter Sorrell, Jeff Pinney, Kim Feyereisen, Katie Napoletano, Katie Kilroy, Wendy Pinney, Kristen Feyereisen, Nicole Gwinnell, Patrick Sanecki, Jared Brown, Kevin Kilroy, Brett Honecker, Katherine Kerr, Eric Rutan, Traver Whittle, Georgeanne Dorney, Kristen Papworth, Michael Siciliano, Andrew Morris, Alex Luther, Andrew Brown, Joshua Brown, William Clarke, Bennett Elliot, Rachael Kenney, Liesel Garweg, Zach Honecker, Kayla Hanke, Erik Brown, Cassie Otten, Nathan Anthony, Amanda Neis, Jimmie King, Brad Bissell, Colin Mitchell, Robert Marengo, Kerra Hanke, Mariah Honecker, Michael Smalls, Kyle Clarke, Dru Thomas, Clare Mitchell, Emily Halpern, Cassaundra Bredbenner, David Alfano, Robert Maber, Dana Clarke, Justin Regiec, Christine Maber, John Smalls, Peter Bushey, Linette Reeman, Casey Alfano, Sophie Halpern, Christina Alfano, Kate Apostolacus, Cassie, Reagan....

Whose names are all these, and what are they doing here? Some should be familiar to you: they are the many children who have made their ways through the halls of Christ Church Parish and were the recipients of **The Casie Kerr Scholarship Fund**. Some are still here today – bringing their children with them to church!

Since 1985, we have awarded scholarships to graduating seniors of Christ Church. It is our way of saying “thank you” for all they have done, and for us to show them tangible support from the congregation that has so loved them over the years. They have grown up under our watchful eyes. They are honored on Youth Sunday (this year, June 11 at the 10:00am service) where they have the opportunity to address the congregation.

This year we will add one more name to the list: PJ Reyes, son of Shannon Callaghan and grandson of John Callaghan and Peggy James. PJ was baptized into the Christ Church congregation, but not in the conventional way! He was baptized at our Parish Picnic at his grandparents’ home some 18 years ago - poolside. It has indeed been a pleasure to watch him grow up and to now send him on his way to Berkely School of Music.

Although the first scholarship was awarded thirty-eight years ago, it received the name **The Casie Kerr Scholarship Fund** after one of our high school students, Casie Kerr, who died in a car accident in August of 2000. I like to think that each of our young persons in some small part carries on her unfulfilled legacy by taking all they have gleaned from their experiences here with them into the world.

Do plan to come to our Youth Sunday service. And do make a contribution! It is solely from the generosity of our members that these scholarships are possible. They give our children something to look forward to and something to work towards. They affirm who they are in Christ Jesus, and the vows we made at their baptisms *“to do all in our power to support these persons in their life in Christ.”*

It will be very fitting that we will be making that very promise again on this Youth Sunday, as we baptize Harper Marie Brown into the household of faith. Perhaps one day, her name will also be found on the list above (where you can find her father’s name, as well as two uncles).

Look for the envelope in your program or the ushers’ tables, or simply send a check to the church with “Casie Kerr Scholarship Fund” written in the memo.

Peace,

Mother Lisa+



NEWS AND NOTES:

Any Changes? Advise us of any changes in your address or telephone number. Let us know so we can keep our records up to date. Please send us an email or call the Church Office at 732-741-2220

Parish Hours

Monday – closed

Tuesday – 9 am – 2 pm

Wednesday - 9 am – 2 pm

Thursday – 9 am – 2 pm

Friday – 9 am – 2 pm

SAVE THE DATE: FUNDRAISING EVENTS

June 12 – June 24 – Drop off your items for the Flea Market – Please – no early items

June 24 – Flea Market – plan to shop or help out

June 25 – Help organize and clean up flea market

Condolences

To the Binn Family on the passing of Fred R. Binn on May 13, 2023.

A funeral service was held at Christ Church on Saturday, May 27 with Mother Lisa as the celebrant.

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED:

For the sick and suffering, and those in any need or trouble:

*Mignon Williams, *Cassie Reagan, *John Smalls, *Joan, *Jim Miller, *Beverly Ryser, *Judi Buncher, *Carolyn, *MiMi Brown, *Sarah Schmid, *Susan Van Valkenburg, *Tara Dunford, *Irwin Rapolla, *Lisa Ficarelli-Halpern, *Jonathan Badal, *Larry Nibbling, *Halina Nibbling *Stacy Reagan, *Bill Balmer, *Colleen Roth, John Veil, Jennifer Turner, Pam, Stan Brower, Queeni, Jocelyn, Mariwether Schmid, Julie, Heather Lance, Pat and Bob Rivenes, Peedy, Gil, Ed, Julia, Barbara, Sherrie, the Fontana family, Vivian Hillborn, Lea Gallagher, Judy, Mary Ellen, Tammy, Don Smith, Greg, Judy Gregor, Jack Sauber, Rico and Liesel Rauschmayer, Bob, Jim Halpern, Joe, Jane Barnes, Jay Curlee, Alison, Rick, Geraldine Watson, Katie, Michael, Donna, Michelle Ten Eyck, Marian Bryja, Judy Smith, Mary Andrews, Ann Hatami, Eugene Krikowski, Walter Hutchins, Max Garweg,, Lynn McKittrick, Barbara Roth Moore, Mary T., Max Thomas, Virginia Aiello, Barbara Pica, Kristy, Jim Kilroy, Peter Janosz, Lisa Nastasi, Anne Bryja. Tony Chen. *May they be relieved of their distress.*

Summer Service Schedule

Beginning Saturday, June 18th at 5pm, Christ Church will again 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 for 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 will provide everything else, even the bug spray. The new service schedule for Sunday will be 9 am.



The Changing of the Signs

After watching the church's 250th anniversary signs slowly falling week after week while waiting at the traffic light. I decided it was time to take action. I decided to keep the original signs that had been hanging for decades. The signs were kept outside in the rear of the Parish House as I knew the anniversary signs would come down some day.

I took the original signs back to my house in Pennsylvania for repairs. Mother Lisa helped me pick out four new spindles for the signs at Lowes. The old original signs were falling apart with water damage to sections of the signs. I took both signs apart to replace the spindles, the rotting wood, and repainted the signs.

Walter and Peggy assisted me with the removal of the 250th anniversary signs and the hanging of the original signs once again. The sign posts still need to be painted; that will be done when the painting of the fence begins. I will be helping out on my next project for repairs and painting of the fence.

I feel blessed to help restore and preserve our wonderful church for people to view as they pause at the traffic .

Peace, Love, and Regards,
Jeff Veil



Thirsty Thursdays are Back!

An event for all Parishioners and their friends! We are reintroducing Thirsty Thursdays this summer. This is an informal social gathering where folks can get together to relax and enjoy each other's company outside in the beautiful Jersey summertime.

I will be hosting our first Thirsty Thursday at my home June 1st at 6:00 PM at 294 Long Branch Ave. Long Branch NJ. Bring a friend a playlist and yourself for a casual evening of music and friendship. If you have any questions please contact me at 732-245-6053.

Please feel free to host one Thursday night in the summer. All you need is some space for gathering and to supply a non-alcoholic beverage. Guests bring a snack or appetizer and whatever they are drinking non-alcoholic or alcoholic.

We are looking forward to seeing you next Thursday.

Dianne (and Dave) Regiec



Rectory Campaign Update

Phase I of the Rectory campaign was a success! As of 5/30/2023, 30 families have pledged a total of \$102,800. 14 pledge commitments have been paid in full. 8 families have made partial payments. Others have made commitments to pay their pledge over a 4-year period. We have opened a Vanguard Investment account for the rectory money already collected and have deposited \$35,835.00 into this account.

The Vestry wants to thank Rod Webster and Jim O' Connor for spearheading Phase I. We are currently working on the details of Phase II. More details will come soon!

If you would like to make a donation to the Fund. Please contact the office for information. Thank you all for the for your generous support.
Peggy James, Sr. Warden

GFS News

In May, we hosted a Mother/Daughter Retreat at Grove Hall in Ocean Grove. Titled *Feeding the Body and Soul* we delved into the scriptures as well as into the kitchen! One of our activities was making Scripture Cakes which the girls took home to their families. We have included the recipe for you below. So, grab your Bible and a spoon and you will find you have a delicious cake on hand to share with those you love.

SCRIPTURE CAKE

PART 1

3/4 cup (1 1/2 sticks) Psalms 55:21
1 cup Jeremiah 6:20
3 Jeremiah 17:11
1/4 cup Judges 4:19
1 tablespoon I Samuel 14:25

PART 2

2 1/4 cups Leviticus 6:15
1/4 teaspoon Leviticus 2:13
1 tablespoon Amos 4:5
1 teaspoon II Chronicles 9:9

PART 3

1 cup I Samuel 30:12
1 cup Numbers 13:23
1/2 cup Numbers 17:8

Heat the oven to 350 degrees. Lightly coat 4 mini loaf pans with baking spray (a blend of oil and flour).

PART 1

In a large bowl, use an electric mixer to beat the first ingredient until light and creamy. Add the second ingredient and beat until fluffy, about 2 minutes, scraping down the sides of the bowl after the first minute.

One at a time, add the third ingredient, beating well after each addition. Mix in the fourth and fifth ingredients. Set aside.

PART 2

In a large mesh strainer or flour sifter, combine the ingredients listed in part 2. Sift the ingredients together onto a sheet of parchment paper or into a bowl. Reserve 1/4 cup of the mixture. With the mixer on low, add half of the remaining part 2 mixture to part 1. Mix only until thoroughly blended, scraping the sides of the bowl as needed. Add the remaining part 2 mixture and mix until blended to create the batter.

PART 3

In a medium bowl, combine the part 3 ingredients. Add the reserved part 2 mixture and toss to lightly coat. Add this mixture to the batter and use a silicone spatula to gently fold it in.

Transfer the batter to the prepared cake pans, filling them three-quarters full. Bake for 35 to 40 minutes, then remove the cakes from the pans and cool completely before serving. If desired, dust with powdered sugar. Makes 4 small loaves.



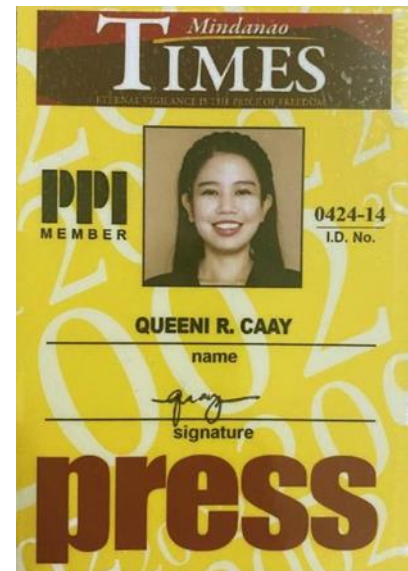
Summer HymnFest

Now that we are officially out of that Worldwide Pandemic, we are ready to sing! Singing is a way of worship that fully expresses who we are, but we are a bit out of practice. This summer you will get the chance to exercise your vocal chords and stretch what you think you can do.

On the last Sunday of June, July, and August, we will be hosting **HymnFest**, and each HymnFest will have a slightly different theme. The first one will be held on Sunday, June 25 at 9:00am. The musical selections will be provided by **YOU!** Please send us the name of one of your favorite hymns – the qualification being that it is *NOT* found in our beloved *Hymnal 1982*. Whether Presbyterian, Roman Catholic, Methodist, or whatever, think back on those familiar tunes you have loved over the years. If we receive them by June 20, we can get them printed up for everyone in the congregation.

On these Sunday, there will not be the usual homily, but a little instruction either on how to sing these hymns, or on the history behind the hymns. This is a wonder opportunity to limber up your voices, make a joyful noise to the Lord, and to enjoy the fellowship of your fellow parishioners. Invite a friend or two! They will be sure to enjoy Iris' tinkling of the keyboard and the assistance given by our wonderful choir members.

Peace,
Mother Lisa and Iris Chen



Queenie has now finished her studies. She is working as an intern reporter as for the Mindanao Times Here is the link to view:

<https://mindanaotimes.com.ph/2023/05/19/cfo-davao-opens-new-branch-location/>



Veni Creator Spiritus and Pentecost

Perhaps the most historically recognized Latin hymn in the Anglican/Episcopal tradition is *Veni Creator Spiritus* (*Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire*). The chant melody is an ancient one: first translated into English in the eleventh century, it is believed to have been composed in the ninth century. While it is associated with coronation rites—since the crowning of Edward II in 1307!—*Come Holy Ghost* is liturgically sung during Pentecost; its usage dates back to the tenth century. As further evidence of its popularity and universality, the hymn was included in the American Prayer Book of 1786.

The modern rendition is more recent: the current translation, by John Cosin, is from 1662—in music history, 361 years ago *is* recent—and the modern compositional setting was made by John Henry Hopkins, Jr., in the nineteenth century. (*The Hymnal 1982 Companion III:B* notes that it was first sung by John Henry Hopkins, Sr., at the Chicago consecration of missionary bishop of Nebraska and Dakota, Robert Harper Clarkson.) Hopkins, Jr. was an early American chant scholar, who aimed, in his arrangement, to keep the original simplicity of the chant melody. In keeping with his goal of singability, the hymn was intended to be sung responsorily—minister alternating with congregation. It needn't be emphasized that it is *not* easy to create a song that survives beyond a millennium: Hopkins, Jr., his hymn-setting predecessors, and the original, anonymous, chant melody composer deserve are testament to the success of this Pentecost hymn.

Patrick Durek



The Heritage Rose Garden

On June 10th at 10 a.m. the Shrewsbury Garden Club will celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Heritage Rose Garden in the graveyard at Christ Church. The garden began in 2013 as a joint project of the parish and the Shrewsbury Garden Club and the first heritage Roses were planted in the spring of 2014. Perennials such as Lavender, Iris, Obedient plant, Chives, Allium and Daffodils have been added along with annuals for color throughout the season. Recently planted annuals include mini pink Petunias and Lantana. In 2017 the garden club won an award from the National Garden Club for the preservation of a church garden. In 2022 the garden was dedicated in memory of Robert Kelly, parish historian and Senior Warden, who initiated the idea of a rose garden, and his wife, Anne Marie. The anniversary celebration in the graveyard will include light refreshments and all are invited to attend.

Nancy Stewart



Garden of Weeden Face Lift

Halfway through my weeding I took a picture, but now it is complete and ready for Mass on the Grass
Walter Dein

Parish Life Event – Potluck Luncheon – June 11

Our Potluck Luncheon is slowly approaching. There is a sign up sheet, as well as a suggestion sheet for menu items at the Parish House. We welcome everyone to participate. If you need more information, you can contact our coordinators, Peggy James 732-610-1916 and Dianne Regiec 732-229-4690.

Peakers and Friends--

Wednesday, May 31 will be our last Peak in the Week until September. When we return in September WWE will return to gathering in the parish house, beautiful, refurbished parish house--see ya then! Look for book info in the August Crown. Have a safe and fantastically restful/exciting/sunny-but-not-burned/fun summer! Predictably--See You in September, see you when the summer's done, see you in September...

Donna Devlin

Youth Sunday, June 11

As the church school year draws to a close with the last Sunday of class being this week, June 4. Mark your calendars for Youth Sunday which is June 11, 2023 at 10:00, This will be followed by the Pot-Luck Brunch in the Parish house.

Although Mrs.Nap will not be in church this Sunday she will be reaching out to students and parents to see who would be interested in lecturing or otherwise participate in the service.

Looking forward to seeing you all on the 11th.

Faithfully, Sue Napoletano

View outside the church on a sunny day



A Glorious Celebration!

On Sunday May 7 the children and Youth who participated in the Holy Communion classes were acknowledged for their achievement in completing the course with each receiving a cross pin in commemoration thereof.

Before that day perhaps you noticed the children hustling for Prayer Books and Hymnals in the front pews in order to follow along with the service, crossing themselves or bowing their heads in prayer. Their interest in becoming more active participants in the service helped give rise to the Communion class program. So in order to further their understanding of the Eucharist, the program, initiated and designed by Katie Wachter, included lessons on the meaning of the sacrament, learning accompanying prayers, rites of service and reinforcing church etiquette. There were booklets, crafts, discussions ending with the ever-popular and fun – baking of the communion bread. It was their joy to bake them for the congregation and share them. A bit chewy perhaps, but all the more memorable.

The older Youth delved into discussions of the origination of the sacrament, and an exploration into the meaning of the language of the Nicene Creed. This led to a lot of group sharing and perhaps even some introspection.

Many thanks to the parents and Mother Lisa who supported this program. We are blessed to be supported in this way by them and all of you.

Faithfully, Sue Napoletano

Those Who Serve – June

June 4

Deacons: 8 am William Balmer, 10 am Victoria Cuff
Acolytes: 8 am Judi Buncher, 10 am Dexter and Kody Craven, Cassandra Murphy
Lectors: 8 am Walter Dein, 10 am Robert Mayer
Ushers: 8 am Peggy James, 10 am Connie Goddard, George Edwards
Organist: Iris Chen
Altar Guild: Phyllis Edwards
Coffee Hour:

June 11

Celebrant: Reverend Lisa Mitchell
Deacons: 8 am William Balmer, 10 am Victoria Cuff
Acolytes: 8 am Edgar John 10 am Isabel & Isara Chen-Durek, Andrew Brown, Brian Wachter
Lectors: 8 am Sean Griffith, 10 am Dash Cassidy
Ushers: 8 am Walter Dein, 10 am Bramley Maber, Christine Maber
Organist: Iris Chen
Altar Guild: Halina Nibbling
Luncheon: Peggy James, Dianne Regiec, Coordinators- Parish Brunch

SUMMER SCHEDULE

June 18 – 9 am

Celebrant: Reverend Lisa Mitchell
Deacon: William Balmer
Acolytes: Judi Buncher, Joshua and Matthew Dunford
Lectors: Peggy James
Ushers: John Callaghan, Rod Webster
Organist: Iris Chen
Altar Guild: Cindy Webster
Ice Tea: Peggy James

June 25 – 9 am

Celebrant: Reverend Lisa Mitchell
Deacon: William Balmer
Acolytes: Edgar John, Dexter and Kody Craven
Lectors: Elaine Feyereisen
Ushers: Connie Goddard, George Edwards
Organist: Iris Chen
Altar Guild: Phyllis Edwards
Ice Tea: Dianne Regiec

June 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Thirsty Thursday begins 6 pm	2	3
4 8 am Holy Eucharist 10 am Holy Eucharist	5 Office closed	6	7	8 Thirsty Thursday 6 pm	9	10 Rose Garden Celebration 10 am
11 8 am Holy Eucharist 10 am Holy Eucharist Youth Sunday Parish Brunch	12 Office closed	13	14	15 Thirsty Thursday 6 pm	16	17 Mass on the Grass 5 pm
18 9 AM Holy Eucharist	19 Office closed 7PM VESTRY meeting	20	21	22 Thirsty Thursday 6 pm	23	24 Mass on the Grass 5 pm Consecration of Sally French 10 am Flea Market
25 9AM Holy Eucharist Hymnfest	26 Office closed	27	28	29 Thirsty Thursday 6 pm	30	

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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 Victoria Cuff, Deacon
The Reverend William Balmer, Deacon
Iris Chen, Organist/Choirmaster
Debbie Roese, Office Administrator
Halina Nibbling, Sexton

VESTRY 2023

Peggy James – Senior Warden, Stewardship
Connie Goddard – Junior Warden
Elaine Feyereisen
Dianne Regiec
Carl Alfano
Sheila Hatami-Watson
Sue Napoletano- Church School
Larry Nibbling – Finance
Robin Solbach
Martie Viets – Parish Life
Treasurer – Stephen Craven
Asst. Treasurer - Lynn Marengo, Larry Nibbling
Vestry Clerk – Nancy Stewart