

## **Weekly Church Chat from Christ Episcopal Church, Toms River**

*This email provides events/ deadlines for the upcoming week or so and may not represent all scheduled activities at Christ Church.*

**July 6, 2018**

### **Keep Current with What's Going on in the Wider Episcopal**

**Church:** The Episcopal Church's 79th General Convention will be taking place from July 5-13th, in Austin Texas. This is the once every 3 year gathering of Bishops, and elected deputies from every Diocese of the Episcopal Church. This is the first year since 1991 that Mother Joan is not attending. Instead Thomas Szczerba will be there, as will Carolyn Belvin representing the Episcopal Church Women. There will be live streaming and regular postings at the Episcopal Church's website, [www.episcopalchurch.org](http://www.episcopalchurch.org). There are many proposed resolutions being considered including Prayer Book revision, re-evaluating the role of Bishops, passing a budget for the next 3 years, and many more. Tune in as you can.

**The Examine Group:** This conversational group will informally and personally talk about how we feel about God that day—the day of our group. Based on “the Examen” card handed out by Mother Joan a few Sundays ago, we will reflect on where God was in our day. Did we feel close to God or distant, or was there some other feeling? We will give thought to the Examen’s 5 Steps and also to the 6 Questions associated with Step 3. The spirit of the group is to share our positive experiences with God but also to air any confusing or negative feelings we may have about God that day. The group will meet for 4 consecutive Tuesdays beginning July 10, from 7:00pm – 8:30pm in the Christ Church Library. The group will be co-facilitated by parishioner Shelley Gilbert and parishioner & seminarian Catherine Wieczorek. Please let us know if you will be attending by contacting Shelley: 914-227-8365 (texts accepted) or [shelleygilbertauthor@gmail.com](mailto:shelleygilbertauthor@gmail.com)

**The Jersey Shore Piping & Drumming Classic** is on Saturday, July 14th starting at 8am. Solo piping and drumming competitions in the morning and band competitions in the afternoon ending with a massed band playing on the front lawn. NO admission fee, however we are selling \$5.00 50/50 tickets to help support the event. It cost about \$8,000 to run this event so we are also looking for sponsors. Volunteers also needed. Come out for a few hours and help. Call Frank Johnson at [848-333-9784](tel:848-333-9784). Website is [jerseyshorecelticfestival.com](http://jerseyshorecelticfestival.com) . Come out and support bagpipe and drumming to keep it alive.

Christ Church **FIESTA LATINA** will be on Saturday, August 11th, 6-10 pm. This is an all parish fundraising event featuring music, dance, games, raffles and food. Fun for the whole family! Get your tickets at church beginning this weekend! \$5 adults, \$3 kids!

**Summer Weekend Service Times** now through Labor Day weekend, we will have the following weekend schedule: *Saturdays at 5:00pm; Sundays at 9:30 am & 11:30am (in Spanish)*

**Summer Church Office Hours** now through Labor Day, the Church Office hours will be: *Monday thru Thursday, 9am-3pm—CLOSED ON FRIDAYS*

Our **FOOD PANTRY** is currently most in need of the following items (as of 7-5-18): grape jelly, corn, soup (all kinds), canned tomatoes, flour, oil, canned pasta meals and drinks. Thank you for your continuous support.

*Nicole Strada,  
Parish Administrator  
Christ Episcopal Church  
Office Hours: M-Th, 9am-3pm  
(Closed on Fridays July thru Labor Day)*