

FEBRUARY 2019



**CHRIST CHURCH
CHRONICLE**

Christ Episcopal Church Mission Statement

Christ Episcopal Church a community continually seeking joyful transformation in Christ by:

- Welcoming and Celebrating all
- Spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ
- Teaching, baptizing and nurturing new believers
- Responding to human need by loving service
- Seeking to transform unjust structures of society
- Striving to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth

The Rt. Rev. William (Chip) H. Stokes, *Bishop of Diocese of New Jersey*

The Rev. Petrina Pyatt, *Supply Priest*

The Rev. Canon Ramon Ubiera, *Missioner for Hispanic*

The Rev. Ted Foley, *Deacon*

The Rev. Jose Cantos, *Deacon*

The Rev. Lewis McCrum (*Ret.*) *Deacon*

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Transition News

Discernment Committee

After two months of intentional prayer and discernment by the Wardens and Vestry, and another month notifying the candidates and allowing them to pray about the call, our Discernment Committee has been formed. The members of the committee are:

Cheryl Chapman, Patti Russo, April Garry, Diane Zaraza, Jeff Genthe, Shanon Berry, Arielle Szczerba, Jonathan Kobus, Fabiola Frias and Selena Garcia.

We truly feel God has brought this committee together as a true representation of our parish family.

The committee will be commissioned during a 9:45 service on a date still to be determined. The first order of business for the committee will be a joint meeting of the Wardens, Vestry, Discernment Committee and our transition consultant Rhonda Jackson. This meeting will outline the process and get us all started on the transition journey.

Please keep this committee in your prayers as they begin the important task of finding our new Rector.

Coincidence or *GOD-incidence?*

Where have you experienced God in your life this week? Sundays, starting Feb 3 following the 9:45 service, you're invited to stop by the "God-stories" table in Disciples Hall, to share where God has surprised you, touched you, or helped you in your life that week—to share your "God-stories." Questions? See Pam Quatse, Gail Miller, or Terry Schwarz. You can also email your questions to terryann.schwarz@gmail.com.

Annual Meeting Election Results

The Christ Church annual meeting was held on Sunday January 27, 2019. Elections were held for a Sr. Warden, four Vestry positions, three delegates to the Diocesan Convention, and three delegates to the Monmouth/Ocean Convocation. Listed below are the results of the elections:

Senior Warden:

Judy Beck

Vestry:

Chris Hjembo
Caroline Saunders
Eileen Schilling
Sarah Warner

Diocesan Convention

Delegates:

Eileen Schilling
Carolyn Belvin
Phyllis Long

Ocean/Monmouth Convocation Delegates:

Carolyn Belvin
Keith Gabbett
Pam Quatse

HAPPY RETIREMENT !!

**Dominican Republic
Missionary
Charlie Nakash**



**A Retirement Dinner Celebration for
Charlie on February 23, 2019 6 P.M.
Disciples Hall, Christ Church
415 Washington Street, Toms River, New Jersey 08753**

**CHARLIE'S RETIREMENT
DINNER**

**\$10.00 Adults PP \$5.00 Child PP
50/50 Raffle**

Need more info?

**Contact Marion Shabinaw 732.341.0781
JoAnn Meehan 732.240.7543**

Birthday Club News



Wishing a very Happy Birthday to all our spring Birthday Club members! We are gaining new members each month! The members for the month of January are:

Ursula Fanelli
Angelo Fanelli
Matthew DeRiggi
George Schleck

The total contributions were: \$ \$265.00

Everyone is invited to join the Birthday Club. You can become a member of the club on your birthday by writing a check in the amount of your age to Christ Church and it will be deposited into the Endowment Fund. The Endowment Fund is invested with the Diocese.

Everyone has the opportunity to celebrate your birthday and be recognized as a member of the Birthday Club! All you need to do is write a check in the amount of your age, and mark the memo section Birthday Club for the month you were born and then put the check in the offering plate, mail it, or drop it off to Jane's mailbox.

So we can all watch our gifts grow, we will update you on a monthly basis on what we have received.

We look forward to celebrating each of your birthdays.

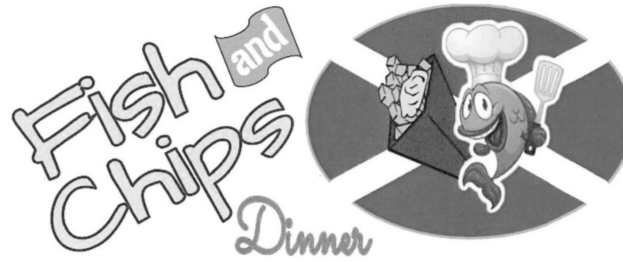


A Message from Parish Administrator, Nicole Strada:

Happy New Year! I am happy to say that I am back in the Church Office! Not full time yet, but slowly getting there. Thank you all for your cards, gifts, thoughts and prayers the past few months. Carmine/CJ is doing great! He is a very happy and healthy baby boy who is already 3 Months old! Hope you are all doing well! And I look forward to seeing you soon.

2019 Belonging Course Have you ever wondered where the Episcopal Church came from; why it is not considered a Protestant Church; why infants are allowed to receive Eucharist immediately after Baptism; what the Book of Common Prayer is all about? These and other questions will be discussed at the Christ Church Belonging course. This year, Belonging will be held in the Library on Sundays during Epiphany from 11:15-12:30 starting February 3. [February 17 location TBD.] All are invited. Any questions—please talk to Deacon Ted or Patti Russo.

(Note: If you would like to be received into The Episcopal Church or Confirmed, attendance at Belonging is highly encouraged.)



Saturday
March 2nd
6:30 PM
until
9:30 PM

Tickets:
\$20 in advance
\$22 at the door

Authentic Fish and Chips
Provided by:
The Celtic Knot of Bricktown

Live music performed by:
Pipes and Drums
of Barnegat Bay



Send self-addressed, stamped envelope
With check to:
Christ Episcopal Church
415 Washington Street
Toms River, NJ 08753
ATTN: Fish and Chips Dinner
Or Contact
Frank Johnson at 848-333-9784





*You are cordially invited to
participate in a Renewal Ceremony
on Sunday February 10th*

*At the 9:45 service
we will have a renewal of
Wedding,
Holy Union and Commitment Vows
No registration required.*

**The Next NOISY WEEKEND OFFERING is
February 23 & 24 at all services!**

What is a Noisy Offering? It is a collection of loose change, offered on a designated day, for a very specific purpose, and to make a joyful sound as the coins and paper money are collected and the sounds fill the air and the collection cans!

Designation: To support the New Jersey Diocesan Missionary to the Dominican Republic - Charlie Nakash

How Will the Donation be Used?

- Financial support for the mission work of the Missionary
- Education for clergy, seminarians and laity
- Assistance with indigenous people of the DR and refugees
- Financial aid where needed

**We hope you have been saving your loose change!
Bring it to church on February 23 & 24!**



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS



HAPPY BIRTHDAY to members with birthdays this month!

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| Feb 1 st – Janet Sutherland | Feb 15 th —Christina Corretjer |
| Feb 2 nd – Dorothy Berry | Feb 16 th – Dennis Jones |
| Feb 3 rd - Kathy Boland | Feb 16 th – Kellie Schmitt |
| Feb 5 th – Heather Ryker | Feb 17 th – Mary Anne Catanese |
| Feb 5 th – Brian Vernachio | Feb 17 th - Corie Hometchko |
| Feb 6 th - Richard Blasi | Feb 18 th - Pamela Zaraza |
| Feb 6 th - Stephan Caldwell | Feb 18 th – Monica Coughlin |
| Feb 9 th - Richard D. Dunn | Feb 19 th – Beth Jones |
| Feb 10 th – Joyce Delaney | Feb 19 th – Sharon Peterson |
| Feb 11 th – Charlie Kalwinsky | Feb 20 th – Carolyn Baratta |
| Feb 11 th - Lenny Johnson | Feb 20 th - Ciro Velazquez |
| Feb 12 th – Steve Bruckner | Feb 21 st - Vanessa Podolak |
| Feb 13 th – Joanne Gwin | Feb 22 nd – Betty Sohl |
| Feb 13 th – Patricia Morey | Feb 23 rd - Ann Eustace |
| Feb 13 th – Peggy Policastro | Feb 24 th - Ian Kukfa |
| Feb 14 th – Ronald Fizer | Feb 25 th - Ken Kukfa |
| Feb 14 th - Lucas Maciel | Feb 25 th - McKenna Meyer |

Birthday Prayer

Watch over thy children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their heart may thy peace which passeth understanding abide all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*





FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES



Feb 7th - Thomas and Barbara DeRiggi (1987)
Happy 32nd Anniversary

Feb 20th – Frank and Marianne Johnson Jr. (1983)
Happy 36th Anniversary

Feb 27th - Lindsey and Rachel Fulmer (2015)
Happy 4th Anniversary

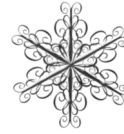
Anniversary Prayer

O Gracious and ever-living God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and His church. Send your blessings upon these people as they celebrate their anniversary. Grant them grace to love, honor and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their lives together may be a witness to your love and forgiveness, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*





CHRIST CHURCH CALENDAR



February

2&3 – SouperBowl of Caring
3-10 – IHN Week
3 – Café
3 – Candelaria feast
3 – Belonging class begins
8-10 -Vestry Retreat
10 – Renewal of Vows Celebration at 9:45am
11 – Finance Meeting
17 – Fish & Chips Dinner
18 – Presidents’ Day—office closed
20 – Vestry Meeting
23– Missionary Dinner in Disciple’s Hall at 6pm
23 & 24 – Noisy Sunday Collection

March

3– Café
6 – Ash Wednesday
10 – Daylight Savings Time Begins
20– Vestry Meeting





Directory Changes



Add:

Marcotullio, Allan

Corretjer, Christina & Zito, Anthony

DeWitt, Lucinda

Remove:

Farrell-Rossi, Thomas & John

Bless, Kelley

Kacicz, Carol
Deceased

Russo, Steve
Deceased

If you have a change of address, phone number and/or email, please contact the church office so we may update the directory.



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