

The Messenger

The Newsletter of
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Welcome Trish!!!



Trish our new Organist and Choral Director seen here working on the ivories.
(Photo courtesy Patricia Fronczek)

New Organist

Our new organist is Patricia Fronczek, a graduate of Rowan University with a degree in Music, specializing in piano and voice. She has worked at several churches around the area. She is also an avid bowler. The choir is most excited about beginning a new adventure with her in the coming years. Your rector is also looking forward to working with her, especially since she is willing to help pick out the weekly hymns. Please give her a warm welcome when you see her.

Fall Startup

As always, we begin our “Fall” season with the annual Vestry Picnic on September 15th immediately following the 10:00 a.m. service. This is the day the choir is back in session as well as the start date of Sunday School. The vestry will provide the burgers, the dogs, the rolls, and the basic condiments. We are asking the parish to bring salads, chips, desserts, and sodas (we have plenty of water). Everyone is invited; no matter what service you normally attend. We will have plenty of fun activities for all ages so mark your calendar, dress comfortably, and come have a great picnic. Invite your friends and neighbors and let them find out what a gem your church is.

IHOC Annual Dinner

The Interfaith Homeless Outreach Council is hosting its annual dinner on Saturday, October 12 at the Catholic Church of St. Mary, Cherry Hill, NJ from 6:30 to 9:30. “Mainstage Center for the Arts” will provide the evening’s entertainment, so come on out for what should be a really fun evening. We would like to have enough folks to make up a table of eight (or maybe more). We know that Chris Goodman and Margaret Sterchi are planning to attend. The cost is \$25/person (\$20/person for a table of eight). Please contact either Chris Goodman or Margaret Sterchi if you are interested in attending. Deadline for reservations and purchase of tickets is September 29, so please let us know as soon as possible.

Blessing of the Animals

The annual blessing of the animals to commemorate St. Francis will take place on Sunday, October 6th on the lower parking lot at 3:00 p.m. All animals are invited and welcome, along with their owners. Please have your pet suitably restrained. We don’t want any unexpected disagreements or snacking to occur. Even if you do not have an animal to be blessed you are more than welcome to come join in the fun. It is such a delight to see all the different pets that we love and care for. So which pets will the Sweetens or the Milliskys bring this year? We have yet to bless all of theirs, even though they bring several each year. This year we have a new liturgy as well, so come join in the fun!

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Sunday School for 2013-2014

This year we have an exciting new program for Sunday School. Our youngest members, up to Kindergarten age, will continue to meet downstairs in the nursery area. We invite parents of these youngsters to take turns in helping out during the morning, especially when there is a crowd. We have a new teacher joining us, Heather O'Conner, Declan's mother. Welcome Heather! Then upstairs we will have ALL of the kids from first through sixth grade. The teachers will team up and rotate through the year, so that they will have a chance to be in church occasionally. Of course if any are having so much fun they choose to be with the kids every week, which is also OK. Finally our Middle School and High School group will continue to meet down in their classroom that has the comfy couches. Our new program involves these last two groups, as well as the adults. The program is based on the readings we hear each week in church. So while the adults are hearing the lessons and the sermon based on the lectionary, the children will also be hearing the lessons and learning more about them. The elementary group will have lots of hands on activities while the teens will have some great questions to ponder and discuss. Then the children will receive The Sunday Paper, which is based on the lectionary, and hopefully the parents will present an opportunity later in the day to talk about all that was learned. The family discussion can continue throughout the week with the help of The Sunday Paper. In addition there are intergenerational opportunities to learn as well, such as on All Saints Sunday. I hope that all of us at St. John's will take advantage of this great opportunity to learn more about our faith.

SCUCS

Periodically Joyce Root stops in the church and parish hall and gathers up all the donated food to take to SCUCS, a Camden County Senior Citizen organization that provides food for the seniors in our community who are hungry and unable to purchase basic groceries. Hunger is with us no matter what time of year it may be. We often forget this when the weather warms up. Lately there has not been much for Joyce to take in. I encourage all of us to remember SCUCS when we stop in the grocery store. You will find bags available in the parish hall with suggested items listed on an attached card. Take a bag, pick up as much or as little as fits your budget and return the bag to the church. There are many folks who will appreciate your generosity when they sit down to a meal.

Deadline for the November/December Messenger Sunday, October 20, 2013

Items may be e-mailed to robertgoodman1@comcast.net
(Please show The Messenger in the subject line) or they may be left in the Parish Office.

**Vestry meetings are held in the Parish Hall on the 4th
Tuesday evening of each month 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.**



From the Rector's Desk

I recently read a fascinating article by Sarah Kenyon Lischer. She was commenting on Proof of Heaven, a book by Eben Alexander. This book is a first-hand account of paradise and has captivated readers while on the bestseller lists for months. Lischer decided to read this book and was surprised when her first reaction to the book was positive. As she said in the article, "Until then I had avoided life-after-death best sellers. It's not that I doubt heaven; it's that I doubt the *reports* of heaven. Why should we presume to request human eyewitness testimony if 'no eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him?'" Apparently the author of the book had a near-death illness during which he traveled to and from heaven, learning the secrets of existence from loving celestial beings. After making a scientifically impossible recovery, Alexander shared his tantalizing peek into God's mysteries.

It wasn't until Lischer had put some distance from reading the book that she realized that Alexander's heaven does not compel her, for a couple of reasons. She doesn't really want the surprise of heaven spoiled in advance. And she realized that if his heaven is *the* heaven, she will be disappointed. The heaven that Alexander presents is NOT the same idea of heaven that Lischer has. In the article she goes on to expand on her thoughts about this idea of a report of heaven.

As I read the article I began to see her point. I agree with her that we all find God through many different doorways: "sensory experience such as dancing, painting, singing; meditation on scripture; being in nature; loving other people; caring for the poor and downtrodden; corporate prayer; wordless prayer." Her point is that after death does that variety cease? What changes? What stays the same? I certainly hope that heaven is not one long opera as I really do not enjoy opera. And yet some of my best friends would consider nothing better than heaven as opera. Take a short poll around the church and find out how others pray. I think you will discover that there are as many different ways of prayer as there are people, and none of them is either "right" or "wrong". They are just different forms of prayer.

She concludes with a question as to why Christians embrace the genre of afterlife with such enthusiasm. As she points out, what do we gain that we do not already have? For while those who lack faith may need proof of some sort of an afterlife, the reality is that our faith does not require such proof. We already have the assurance of the unseen.

I leave you with some questions, which I hope we will have a chance to talk about at coffee hour the week or weeks following our church picnic. How do you find God? Do you think Heaven is a place where the variety will continue? What might change? What might stay the

same? How will your finding God continue? Or will it? If heaven is a place where our relationship with God becomes perfected (not homogenized, but perfected), how do you see that perfection in your relationship with God? I had this conversation with one of our shut-ins and it was a fascinating hour for both of us. I hope we can have some fascinating conversations at coffee hour this fall.

Reverend Margaret +

What exactly is Stewardship? Why should I give to the church?

Once again it is that time of year when we look at our faith, our community, and our parish and determine how we can be good stewards of our time, talent, and treasure. Stewardship covers all of these. It is more than just writing a check, sticking it in an envelope, and then either mailing it in or dropping it into the collection plate. That certainly is a part of our stewardship, but we also have to ask why and how much and what else there is to it.

As we grow to understand how God provides all that we have and all that we are, we also grow to understand how we are called to give back to God in gratitude. Sometimes that entails taking time out of our day to work on financial needs; sometimes we spend part of our weekend cleaning the church, working in the gardens, or preparing and setting up for the worship services; sometimes we stop what we are doing and offer up prayers for our loved ones and the loved ones of the parish family; and sometimes we sit and knit or crochet so a child or senior citizen, or sea farer will have something warm in the cold winter months. There are so many other ways in which members of the parish give of their time and talent. That would fill a newsletter in itself.

A bit more difficult is to talk about how and why we give of our treasure. Christ tells us that where our treasure lies, there will our hearts be found. A wise person once told me to look at my checkbook. Where I am spending my money will reveal my priorities. I must say that when I actually look at how I spend my money I sometimes have to wince. Do I really need that many books, or toys, or stuff for the dogs, or stuff for ME? Here at St. John's we do not ask you to fill out a pledge form. Instead we simply ask that you turn in an estimate of giving form, so the vestry has an idea of how much money we will have to work with in planning the annual budget. Without your support, the doors of the church will not be able to remain open. It is that simple. Soon you will receive a letter asking you to let us know how much you think you will be able to give to St. John's to keep the doors open, the lights on, and the heat or air conditioning on. We only look at the total amount to determine a budget. Your estimate then goes into a sealed envelope and is not opened to "check up on you" to see if you are making your pledge. We trust that you will do your best, and maybe even give a little more than expected. Please consider filling out the form and turning it in so your vestry can make the best budget possible.

Thank you.

Reverend Margaret+

The ECW Page

Welcome Back! The ladies of the ECW and EECW are looking forward to a productive and exciting year. Please mark your calendars for the following events:

Meetings for the District ECW for Fall 2013, Winter and Spring 2014 will be held as follows:

October 21, 2013 Grace Church, Haddonfield

December 16, 2013 Noon-St. John the Evangelist, Chews Landing

February 17, 2014-Noon-St John's in the Wilderness

April 28, 2014-6:30pm Ascension, Lawnside

Meetings for the District ECW were discussed. It was suggested that all should be Pot Luck with the Hosting Church providing Salad, Drinks and desserts and the rest of us bringing our favorite Main Dishes. Perhaps this will put less of a burden on all churches, so that those with small membership would feel they could host the meetings. We hope to have some churches visit that have not visited before. Also, this may encourage some others to join with us during the rest of the year.

Please note the following dates for ECW and EECW Events:

Octoberfest, October 5, 2013, Parish Hall time to be announced

November 1st 2013, Coach Bingo Night, Parish Hall

The ECW meets the first Monday of every month at 10 am in the Parish Hall. The EECW meets the first Tuesday of every month at 7pm in the Parish Hall. We hope to see you at one of our meetings. If you have any questions or suggestions we would love to hear from you. Please contact Sister Kate or Mary Wonderlin for more information. Again, we are looking forward to another successful year with your support and hope that you will join us for fun and fellowship in the Parish Hall.

Respectfully,

Sister Kate Maura

ECW President

Weekly Schedule

Saturdays

5:00 p.m. Rite II Eucharist with Sermon

Sundays

8:00 a.m. Rite I Eucharist with Sermon

9:30 a.m. Church School (Sept.–June)

10:00 a.m. Rite II Family Eucharist with Sermon

Wednesdays

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Sept.–June)

Please contact the offices with any changes in address, phone number, or E-mail address.

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Stand Down 2013 Volunteers Needed

The Cherry Hill Stand Down, to be held on Friday, September 27, provides services to homeless veterans along with shelter, meals, clothing, and medical attention. This annual event is an entirely volunteer effort and serves as a catalyst that enables homeless veterans to re-enter mainstream society.

A large number of military support and private organizations pool resources to provide this one-day Stand Down program for homeless veterans. Donations of clothing and other supplies have been arranged; what is needed, however, are volunteers to help as veteran escorts on the day of Stand Down. Those who have volunteered in the past always want to return and help again, which speaks volumes about this very worthwhile community program.

Please consider donating a few hours of your time to Stand Down 2013. If you can help, please contact Carolyn Bausinger: bausinger@comcast.net or 856-227-7735. Names of volunteers must be received not later than mid-September, so that you will be registered to assist with this year's program. In addition, a brief, but mandatory, training session for all volunteers will be held in September.

Back for a 6th year...

Jewelry & Glass Galore!

Carolyn Bausinger and Denise O'Brien will host a three-day home show featuring handmade jewelry, stained and fused glass pieces and knitted/crocheted items. This is not a demonstration, but a holiday shopping bonanza! Come when it is convenient, buy what you like and take it with you. By all means, bring friends. Jewelry will include necklaces, bracelets and earrings (including Christmas earrings and bracelets); glass includes bowls, plates, serving trays, Christmas tree ornaments and more. Most pieces are one-of-a-kind, so whether you are buying for yourself or as a gift, you will have something unique and beautiful. Carolyn is donating 20% of her profits to St. John's, so your purchases will benefit our parish, too.

Location: 172 La Costa Drive in the Valleybrook section of Gloucester Twp.

Dates/Times: Friday, Nov. 8, 4 to 8 pm; Saturday, Nov. 9, 10 am to 4 pm; and Sunday, Nov. 10, 11 am to 1 pm.

Names for All Saints

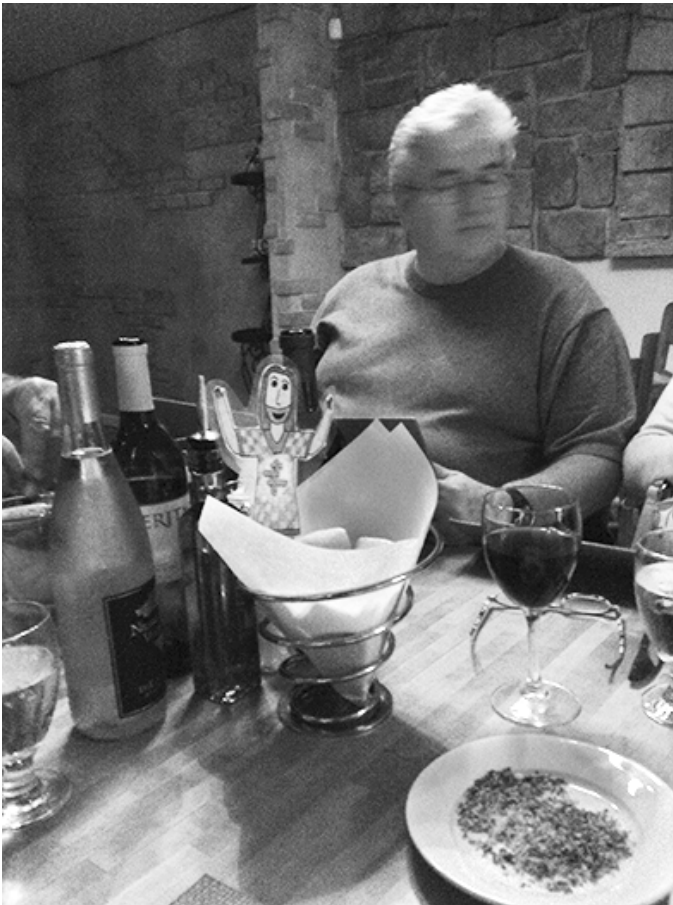
If you have any names you would like included for our All Saints weekend, please get them in to Reverend Margaret now. Email is best, but a written note is also fine. Any names from last year will already be on the master list, so just send in any additional names from this past year. If you have not turned in a list in the past, please do so now so we can make sure your beloved saint or saints that are now with God will be remembered at the services the first weekend in November. Also remember that this is an ongoing list that will be used for Christmas and Easter flowers as well.

Flat Jesus

One of the items on Facebook this summer was Flat Jesus. A church in Michigan created a Flat Jesus and began to send him out to anyone who asked for one. Their only request was for the individual to report back to them where Flat Jesus had been during the summer. I asked for one and had him with me on a trip to Amish country, to a dinner with the choir, and on visits to shut-ins. Photos have been posted on Facebook of these events. Several others in the parish also got a Flat Jesus. Sharon Sweeten went so far as to ask for a template of Flat Jesus for us to hand out. This fall the Sunday School will continue to offer Flat Jesus to the children for them to take with them wherever they may go. In part I hope it will be a reminder that Jesus is ALWAYS with us. I am hoping that folks will continue to take photos of Flat Jesus and send them to Bob Goodman or Carolyn Bausinger for us to include in future issues of the Newsletter. In addition, we plan on having a map on the bulletin board and have parishioners either put up a postcard, a photo, or just a pin in all the places Flat Jesus has been. I hope you will join us in this project. Where have YOU taken Flat Jesus? How many places will he go with our parishioners?



Flat Jesus, visiting Amish Country (Photo courtesy Rev. Margaret+)



Flat Jesus presiding over the bread and wine at the dinner for the choir members. (Photo courtesy Reverend Margaret+)



Flat Jesus taking communion out to a shut-in. (Photo courtesy Reverend Margaret+)

Visit our Web Site:
www.stjohns1789.org

More Travels of Flat Jesus



Flat Jesus on the road again with the bread and the wine! (Photo courtesy Reverend Margaret+)



Flat Jesus is excited about all the school supplies we have collected! (Photo courtesy Reverend Margaret+)

GIFT CARDS

We will be placing a Gift Card order early in September. Remember that this is an opportunity to support the church as we receive a percentage of every card you order. Fill out one of the forms located in the back of the church and turn it in to either Reverend Margaret or Sharon Sweeten. Don't forget to order cards for yourself for your weekly grocery trips, movie nights, or nights you don't want to cook. Now that we are back from summer holidays, we will begin ordering the cards the first of each month.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

September 3	Evening ECW 7:00 pm Parish Hall
September 8	Last of the Sunday Sundaes
September 9	Coffee Hour - Celebrate 45 th Anniversary of Don & Kathy Martel
September 15	ECW 10:00 am Parish Hall
	Annual Back to Church Picnic
September 22	Chair Yoga resumes - Parish Hall 7:00 pm
September 24	Chair Yoga - Parish Hall 7:00 pm
September 26	Vestry 7:00 pm Parish Hall
September 27	BBC Book Club, Panera Bread, Voorhess, NJ
September 29	Cherry Hill Stand Down
October 1	Chair Yoga - Parish Hall 7:00 pm
October 5	Evening ECW 7:00 pm Parish Hall
October 6	Octoberfest Dinner - Parish Hall 5:30 pm
	Blessing of the Animals - 3:00 pm Parish Hall parking lot
October 10	Chair Yoga - Parish Hall 7:00 pm
October 12	ECW 10:00 am Parish Hall
October 13	Annual IHOC Dinner 6:30 pm St. Mary Catholic, Cherry Hill
	Chair Yoga - Parish Hall 7:00 pm
October 20	Farewell Eucharist for Bishop Councill 3:00 p.m. Trinity Cathedral
October 22	Chair Yoga - Parish Hall 7:00 pm
October 24	Vestry 7:00 pm Parish Hall
October 26	BBC Book Club, Panera Bread, Voorhess, NJ
October 27	Annual Halloween Party 6:30 pm (children ages 1 to 102)
November 1	Chair Yoga - Parish Hall 7:00 pm
November 2	Coach Bingo Night, Parish Hall
	Consecration of Bishop-elect Stokes, Trinity Cathedral

Remember to mark your calendars

Parish Prayers for Joys and Concerns

Pray for those in Special Need

Bp. George Cuncell, John Worsham, Eric Quintavalle, Stan Wojciechowski, Robert Hamilton, Harry Collins, Matthew Sterling, June Goodman, Bill Cox, Bob Brown, Anna Collazo, Bill Peters, Margaret Gross, Anthony Mattola, Mrs. John D. Shockley, Sr., Martha Gumenuk, Aubrey McCarty, Joan Shupp, Joan Watson, Dollie Badiali, Aiden Riebel, John & Natta Tillman, Jazz Tillman, Al Donnian, Ralph Turano, David Sowers, and John Grace.

Pray for our Shut-In and Home-Bound

Arline and Alex Potts, Kay Taylor, Betty Knipe, Dorothy Sabot, Anna Scalise, Doris McLoughlin, Karen Street, Gwen Welker, Barbara Houghton, and Mary Molineaux.

Pray for those serving or entering the military

Sammi Jones, Mark Jones, Ed Orr, Stacey Droll, Adam Miller, Hillary Getz, Henry Yang, Amanda Collazzo, Michael Helfrich, Frank Vanore, Jr., Steven Barhmaier, Michael Truszkowski, and Anthony Moss.

Message from our Bishop-Elect

Dear People of the Diocese of New Jersey,

Greetings! Grace and peace to you. Susan and I are delighted to be in New Jersey. As I begin my second week in the diocese, I wanted to write to you to let you know that our move went well and that we are in place. Although our new home in Trenton is a sea of boxes, we love it and are settling in comfortably.

During these first few months leading up to my consecration in November (God willing and with the consent of the people!), I have a lot to learn from the remarkable staff at Diocesan House and especially from Bishop Councill. I am fortunate and blessed that he will mentor me during these crucial months. Please keep him and Ruth in your prayers during this time of transition for them.

You also have a lot to teach me. My "watchwords" during these first few months are "listen and learn." I am new to the Diocese of New Jersey. Yes, I have thoughts and ideas but, during this time, I want to focus especially on listening. This will happen through planned events - meetings of Clericus and Convocations - that are already on the calendar for late summer and throughout the fall. It will also happen as Susan and I travel around the Diocese worshipping in different churches each Sunday and visiting churches that have special events going on during the week, as we will this week, when we visit St. Bernard's and their Splash! Interfaith Kids Day Camp in Bernardsville on Friday. (Clergy, please note, we will call ahead before coming to your church on a Sunday morning). If you have something you would like us to see, please let us know. Needless to say, we won't be able to accept every invitation, but we like knowing what is going on in the different churches of the diocese.

So that I can share my experiences with you and let you know what I am up to, I will blog regularly and invite you to follow my blog. It can be found at <http://chipstokesblog.blogspot.com/>. I also welcome you to "Friend me" on Facebook (Chip Stokes) and to "follow me" on Twitter (**ChipStokes@ChipStokesNJ**). My diocesan e-mail address is **wstokes@newjersey.anglican.org**. If your church has a Facebook page, let me know so that I can "like it" and follow you on Facebook.

I look forward to being among you, to getting to know you and this diocese more deeply. I pray you and yours may enjoy the remaining days of summer. May God bless us all in our life in Christ together. Thank you for all you do in Christ's service in this diocese, for your welcome, and for your continuing prayers for Susan and for me.

Faithfully yours,

The Rev. Canon William H. (Chip) Stokes
Bishop-elect

Notice from the Episcopal Church Office of Public Affairs

The Office of Episcopal Church Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori has notified the Diocese of New Jersey that Bishop-Elect William 'Chip' H. Stokes has received the required majority of consents in the canonical consent process.

As outlined under Canon III.11.4 (a), the Presiding Bishop confirmed the receipt of consents from a majority of bishops with jurisdiction, and has also reviewed the evidence of consents from a majority of standing committees of the Church sent to her by the diocesan standing committee.

Follow the Blog of the Bishop-Elect

Dear Friends,

I invite you to read my blog which has a Pastoral Reflection on the 50th Anniversary of the 'I Have a Dream Speech.'

Please go to this link:

<http://chipstokesblog.blogspot.com/>

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More from the Bishop-Elect

Dear Mr. Goodman,

Please extend my warmest wishes to Rev. Margaret and all the people of St. John's as they begin to kick off a new season.

Blessings,
Chip Stokes+

Long Term Recovery Groups

Keith Adams, the Disaster Recovery Coordinator for our diocese is inviting either our congregation or individuals to consider participating in the Long Term Recovery Groups that have been established in each county following Hurricane Sandy. These groups are seeking volunteers to join and strengthen their teams in helping the community recover from Superstorm Sandy. In addition, most of these groups plan to maintain their coalitions in order to support our communities in preparedness, resiliency, and future disasters. If you are interested in coordinating a group at St. John's please contact Reverend Margaret. If you as an individual would like to help in this effort, please contact the Camden County LTRG at 609.314.8722. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Reverend Margaret.

New Committee Explores Ministry to Older Adults

More than one in three Episcopalians is over the age of 65, and another 41% of Episcopalians are between the ages of 45 to 64. That means three of every four members of the Episcopal Church are age 45 or older. In terms of economic stressors alone (retirement age, technology gaps, social services, Social Security, and Medicare), the impact of this demographic group on local congregations is profound."

The Committee on Ministry to Older Adults has set out to answer these questions:

- How do we recognize, honor, and utilize the experience, wisdom, and gifts of "older" adults?
- How do we develop ministries that integrate and weave multiple generations together spiritually?
- How do we cultivate Christ's message of hope and service for older adults, families, and their caregivers?
- How do we examine, explore, and create innovative and contemporary liturgical, spiritual, and service ministries by, with, and for all generations in the Body of Christ?"

Join us on for an Evensong on September 28, 2013 at 3:00 pm in Trinity Cathedral to honor nominees submitted by congregations for exemplary work done during their years of service. For more information about the committee and the work they are doing, please contact either of the co-chairs The Rev. Jane Brady or The Rev. Jayne Oasin.

Remembering R.S. Thomas

When: Saturday, September 21, 2014 12:00 pm-5:30pm

Where: All Saints', Princeton

Cost: \$15 includes lunch and reception.

Students are free, as is the Evensong

R. S. Thomas was a Welsh priest/poet whose poetry won him national and international acclaim. This event, celebrates the centenary of his birth and places him in his wider literary and spiritual context. Visit for more information.

Parish Leadership Day

When: Saturday, September 14, 2013 9:30 am-3:00 pm

Where: Trinity Cathedral

For: Vestry Members, Wardens, Treasurers, & parish leadership

Cost: \$10.00 (lunch provided)

Join us to meet our Bishop-Elect, build relationships, learn new skills, ask questions, learn from each other. Topics to be addressed include: Communication, Relationship building, Mutual Ministry, Audits, Property Issues, Budget planning and clergy compensation, Roles and responsibilities, Transition issues, Benefits, and Visioning. Register by September 9, 2013.

Invitation to Submit Resolutions for 2014 Diocesan Convention

The Diocese of New Jersey Committee on Resolutions invites submission of proposed resolutions for consideration at our next Diocesan Convention, which begins on February 28, 2014.

The Committee asks that proposals be submitted electronically or on white 8-1/2 x 11 paper, typed and double-spaced, and contain at least two sections: the RESOLVED paragraph naming the desired action, and a FURTHER RESOLVED paragraph, as appropriate, providing for the implementation of the resolution if adopted. No "whereas" or other prefatory language can be used, so the proposals should begin with "Be it RESOLVED, That" Each resolution should be accompanied by a short explanatory statement by the proponent(s).

Resolutions may be proposed by any communicant of any congregation in the diocese, whether or not a Convention delegate, or by any member of the clergy serving or residing in the diocese, whether or not eligible to vote at Convention. We appreciate it if the proponents' identifying parish or other affiliations are included.

Proposals should be forwarded to the Chair of the Committee, The Rev. Terry Martin, St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 367 Route 9, Waretown, New Jersey 08758 so as to be received before the deadline of January 15, 2014.

Formal hearings will be held on resolution proposals at Diocesan House, 808 West State Street, Trenton, on a date in February to be announced. Further hearings may be scheduled during the Convention itself. Additional informal discussions may take place at preconvention meetings, subject to availability of members of the Committee on Resolutions.

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We Give!

Many of you will be using the internet when ordering gifts for Christmas for your loved ones. This is a reminder to go to **GOODSHOP.COM** when ordering and **GOODSEARCH.COM** when looking for a particular site. At the box where they ask who are you shopping for or who are you searching for just type in "St. John's Chews Landing" and hit the verify button. Our official name will come up. Then continue using the site and any purchases you make using the link to the many shopping sites will give us a percentage of your purchase at no cost to you. Every time you search for something we will get a penny. That may not seem like much, but it adds up. If everyone in the parish would use these sites and share them with their friends and family just imagine how much we could make...at no cost to anyone! If you are not sure how to use these sites please call Reverend Margaret. She will be delighted to walk you through the process.



The Right Reverend George E. Councell, D.D.

You're invited to a
Celebration of the Holy Eucharist

in thanksgiving for the ministry of

The Right Reverend George E. Councell

Eleventh Bishop of New Jersey

**Sunday, October the thirteenth
Three o'clock in the afternoon**

**Trinity Cathedral
801 West State Street
Trenton, New Jersey**

Reception to follow in Synod Hall

Please register to attend by September 23

There are three ways to register:

Online: tinyurl.com/lncpqdg

**Email Sarah Paige:
spaige@newjersey.anglican.org**

Telephone: 609 394-5281 ext. 10



Wawa Shorti Coupons

Coupons for Wawa Shorti hoagies are available from Mary Wonderlin 783-6805 and Shirley Mullen 227-1051. Coupons are \$3.50 each and can be used to purchase any Wawa Shorti sandwich or be used towards the purchase of any larger sandwich. Proceeds benefit St. John's.



The Choir feasted in Collingswood. (Photo courtesy Rev. Margaret)

Coach Bingo

Mary Wonderlin advises that the Evening ECW will stage Coach Bag Bingo to be held on November 1st in the Parish Hall. Advance ticket sales only. Tickets will go on sale in October. Photos of the Coach prizes will be posted on the church website soon.

St. John's Churchyard is now online!

St. John's has intact records for our cemetery, which dates back to the late eighteenth century, and includes the grave of Revolutionary War patriot Lt. Aaron Chew. The cemetery is listed on the National Historic Register, as well.

Recently, the names of the nearly 700 men, women and children who are buried here were listed on Find-a-Grave.com A photograph of each grave marker that is still standing and legible was uploaded, too. Search for St. John's, in Camden County, NJ.

If you believe an ancestor was buried in our cemetery, we invite you to look through the St. John's interments on Find-a-Grave.

Please note: If there is no photograph of your ancestor's grave marker, it is very unlikely that a marker exists

"Chair Yoga"

**Sunday Evenings at 7:00 pm, Parish Hall
Beginning this fall on September 15**

Weekday Services

Monday – Thursday

Morning prayer is held at the rector's home (or can be scheduled in the chapel). Please call to let her know you would like to attend.

Tuesday

6:00 pm Celtic Evening Prayer

Wednesday

10:00 am Holy Eucharist followed by Bible Study

A Successful IHOC Backpack Drive

Thank you to everyone who brought in school supplies and backpacks! Rhoda from IHOC said they needed about 60 backpacks for children in the shelter. She had about 15-20 before our delivery. She was worried they wouldn't have enough. When I opened the trunk and side doors she said "wow" and couldn't believe it. Thanks to the generosity from our parish, they reached their goal. Rhoda and IHOC appreciate St. John's spirit of giving.



Delivery of backpacks for the IHOC collection, thank you to everyone who donated school supplies and backpacks for the IHOC outreach. Thanks, Jason. (Photo courtesy Jason Love)



School supplies for loading into backpacks. Photo courtesy Trish Lilley



Back pack assembly line. (Photo courtesy Trish Lilley)



The Parish Hall was loaded with items for the IHOC Backpacks. (Photo Courtesy Trish Lilley)

Church Finances

Operating Fund:

Income Received Year to Date	\$ 90,847.00
Income Required Year to Date	\$101,300.00
Need Weekly Income	\$ 3,000.00

HVAC Upgrade Capital Campaign Aug 2011/Aug 2014

Project Cost	\$ 43,000.00
Income Received to Date	\$ 37,354.00
Need Weekly Capital Fund	\$ 300.00

Joyful, Joyful



Our newest married couple (Brittney and Derek Walton married 2 hours) with one of our longest married couples (Dot and Larry Lutz...63 or 64 years) at the Stahl/Walton wedding. (Photo Courtesy Reverend Margaret)



Here are Dot and Larry dancing at the wedding of Brittney Stahl and Derek Walton. (Photo Courtesy Reverend Margaret)

Celebrations



Newlyweds Caitlin and Joe Kneble listen to words of wisdom from the father of the bride Mike Lutz. (Photo Courtesy Reverend Margaret)



Phyllis and Mark Sowers share a dance at the Lutz-Kneble wedding. (Photo Courtesy Reverend Margaret)

Spotlight on our Youth:

Celebrate Celebrate



College bound Julie Millisky celebrating before leaving for Delaware.
(Photo courtesy Kelly Baylouny)



It's party time!!!

(Photo Courtesy Cynthia Rolle)

Dance to the Music



Let the good times roll!

(Photo Courtesy Cynthia Rolle)



Julie Millisky's graduation party, a good time was had by all. (Photo Courtesy Cynthia Rolle)

Coffee Hour

Coffee Hour Hosts are needed for the fall and winter. A sign up sheet is posted in the Parish Hall. Coffee Hour is the perfect venue welcoming our visitors and newcomers as well s getting to know each other better. Coffee Hour follows the late service and it is an important opportunity to meet and greet people. Keep this a success and join us for some refreshments and good fellowship. Also please consider finding a buddy and hosting a Coffee Hour. A signup sheet is posted in the Parish Hall.

Good Luck

Julie