

# THE DAY OF PENTECOST

SUNDAY ♦ MAY 31, 2020 ♦ 9:45 AM



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**WELCOME! AND THANK YOU FOR JOINING US FROM YOUR HOME FOR TODAY'S SERVICE!**

**WHILE WE ARE NOT ABLE TO PHYSICALLY COME TOGETHER TODAY FOR WORSHIP, WE APPRECIATE YOUR SPIRITUAL PRESENCE AND PARTICIPATION IN THIS SERVICE.**

**WE THEREFORE INVITE YOU TO REPLICATE MANY OF THE SAME PRACTICES THAT YOU WOULD NORMALLY DO IN A SUNDAY WORSHIP. FOR EXAMPLE, WE INVITE YOU TO SPEND SOME TIME IN QUIET PRAYER TO PLACE YOURSELF BEFORE THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD BEFORE THE SERVICE BEGINS.**

**DURING THE SERVICE, WE INVITE YOU TO PERFORM THE SAME GESTURES THAT YOU WOULD NORMALLY DO IN CHURCH (SIGN OF THE CROSS, BOWING, ETC.).**

**ALSO, IN THOSE PLACES IN THE SERVICE WHERE THE PEOPLE WOULD NORMALLY SAY A PRAYER (SUCH AS, THE COLLECT OF WELCOMING) OR RESPONSE (SUCH AS, "AND ALSO WITH YOU"), PLEASE SAY IT ALOUD.**

**YOUR PHONE IS MUTED BUT OUR VOICES WILL RISE TOGETHER IN AFFIRMING OUR FAITH. THANK YOU.**

### **TODAY'S MINISTERS**

**PRIEST:** The Rev. Petrina M. Pyatt

**DEACON:** The Rev. Ted Foley

**MUSIC DIRECTOR:** Polly Moore

**ORGAN/PIANO:** Andrew Van Buskirk

**CHOIR PARTICIPANTS:** Cathy O'Neill, David Corbitt, John Columbus, Helene Phillips

**LECTOR:** Caroline Saunders

**MULTIPLE LANGUAGE PARTICIPANTS:** Cathy O'Neill, Cheryl Chapman, Mtr. Petrina Pyatt, Phyllis Long, Polly Moore

**INTERCESSOR:** Cathy O'Neill

## **PRELUDE**

*There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit*

Doris Akers

## **OPENING HYMN**

*Holy Spirit, Ever Living*

Hymnal 511

*Holy Spirit, ever living as the Church's very life;  
Holy Spirit, ever striving through her in a ceaseless strife;  
Holy Spirit, ever forming in the Church the mind of Christ;  
thee we praise with endless worship for thy fruits and gifts unpriced.*

*Holy Spirit, ever working through the Church's ministry;  
quickenng, strengthening and absolving, setting captive sinners free;  
Holy Spirit, ever binding age to age, and soul to soul,  
in a fellowship unending thee we worship and extol.*

## **THE WORD OF GOD**

*The people standing, as able, the Priest says*

*Priest* Alleluia. Christ is Risen.

*People* *The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.*

*Priest* Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen*

*The following is said together by all*

## **GLORIA IN EXCELSIS**

*All* Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## **THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

*Priest* The Lord be with you.

*People* *And also with you.*

*Priest* Let us pray. Almighty God, on this day you opened the way of eternal life to every race and nation by the promised gift of your Holy Spirit: Shed abroad this gift throughout the world by the preaching of the Gospel, that it may reach to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

*The following is said by all*

## **THE COLLECT OF WELCOMING**

*All* Almighty and gracious God, we are your church, serving your mission. Lead us forth beyond our walls to seek out all people in our community, to invite and love them as Jesus would. Empower us to welcome to Christ Church all who are hurting or in need, all who are searching for you or for answers to life. Open our eyes to recognize each person as an individual sent by you who will enrich our lives. Transform us all into disciples of Christ. We ask this in the name of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

*The following is said by all*

## **PRAYER FOR THE SELECTION OF A RECTOR**

*All* Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for Christ Church that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*The people sit as the lessons are read.*

## **THE FIRST READING**

*Acts 2:1-21*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine." But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'" The Word of the Lord.

*People Thanks be to God.*

*The following is said by all*

**PSALM 104:25-35, 37B**

- 25 O Lord, how manifold are your works!  
in wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.
- 26 Yonder is the great and wide sea  
with its living things too many to number, creatures both small and great.
- 27 There move the ships,  
and there is that Leviathan, which you have made for the sport of it.
- 28 All of them look to you  
to give them their food in due season.
- 29 You give it to them; they gather it;  
you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.
- 30 You hide your face, and they are terrified;  
you take away their breath, and they die and return to their dust.
- 31 You send forth your Spirit, and they are created;  
and so you renew the face of the earth.
- 32 May the glory of the Lord endure for ever;  
may the Lord rejoice in all his works.
- 33 He looks at the earth and it trembles;  
he touches the mountains and they smoke.
- 34 I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;  
I will praise my God while I have my being.
- 35 May these words of mine please him;  
I will rejoice in the Lord.
- 37 Bless the Lord, O my soul.  
Hallelujah!

**THE SECOND READING**

*1 Corinthians 12:3b-13*

A Reading from Paul's First letter to the Church in Corinth.

No one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses. For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

The Word of the Lord.

*People            Thanks be to God.*

*Please stand as able and face the Gospeler.*

## **THE HOLY GOSPEL**

*John 20:19-23*

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

*People* *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

*Deacon* When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you."

*Italian (Polly Moore):* "La pace sia con te. Come il Padre mi ha mandato, così io ti mando."

*French (Phyllis Long):* "Que la paix soit avec vous. Comme le père m'a envoyé, donc je vous envoyer."

*Swedish (Cheryl Chapman):* "Frid vare med dig. Som Fadern har sänt mig, så sänder jag er."

*Latin (Cathy O'Neill):* "Pax tibi. Sicut misit me Pater, et ego mitto vos."

*German (Polly Moore):* "Friede sei mit euch. Wie mich der Vater gesandt hat, so sende ich euch."

*Spanish (Mother Petrina):* "La paz sea contigo. Como el Padre me ha enviado, así que te envío."

*Deacon* When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

*Please be seated.*

## **REFLECTION**

The Rev. Petrina M. Pyatt

## **HYMN**

*Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart*

Lift Every Voice & Sing 119, vs. 1,3,4

(as sung by the Joslin Grove Choral Society)

*Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;  
Wean it from earth; through all its pulses move;  
Stoop to my weakness, mighty as Thou art;  
And make me love Thee as I ought to love.  
  
Teach me to feel that Thou art always nigh;  
Teach me the struggles of the soul to bear.  
To check the rising doubt, the rebel sigh,  
Teach me the patience of unanswered prayer.  
  
Teach me to love Thee as Thine angels love,  
One holy passion filling all my frame;  
The kindling of the heaven descended Dove,  
My heart an altar, and Thy love the flame.*

*All stand, as able.*

## **THE NICENE CREED**

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.  
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

\* "catholic" here means the universal Church across time and place

## **THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*Deacon* Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

*Leader* As our God continues to reveal his power in our lives, let us pray to God saying, God of love,  
God of power, may your Spirit give strength to all your people as they work and witness in your  
world. God of love,

*People* *Hear our prayer.*

*Leader* God of peace, we pray for peace and goodwill among all nations, an ending to all strife and discord.  
We pray for all the leaders of the world. God of love,

*People* *Hear our prayer.*

*Leader* God of mercy, we ask your mercy for all who are hungry, thirsty, homeless, oppressed, in prison, or  
in any kind of trouble. God of love,

*People* *Hear our prayer.*

*Leader* God of Creation, we thank you for the abundance and beauty of our planet earth. Grant us the wisdom,  
ability, and will to care for its resources and creatures wisely. God of love,

*People* *Hear our prayer.*

*Leader* God of grace, we give you thanks for the many blessings in our lives, for those blessings we now name... (wait) ... And for all blessings. God of love,

*People* *Hear our prayer.*

*Leader* God of Healing, we pray for those affected by natural and man-made disasters; for those who are sick and suffering; we pray for a quick end to this pandemic and for those with and exposed to the virus; for medical professionals, first responders, and emergency workers; for those who have lost their jobs or suffered financial loss; for those serving our country; for those listed on our parish prayer list especially Andrew Russo, Joan Fizer's niece, Jackie & family, and for those we name at this time ..  
..... God of love,

*People* *Hear our prayer.*

*Leader* God of life, we pray for those who have died from the COVID-19 virus, for those who died serving our country, for all who have died in the hope of rising again, especially Mariah and for those we name at this time ..... God of love,

*People* *Hear our prayer.*

*The Priest adds a concluding collect.*

*Please listen to the following prayer*

### **PRAYER IN TIME OF PANDEMIC**

Jesus Christ, you traveled through towns and villages "curing every disease and illness." At your command, the sick were made well. Come to our aid now, in the midst of the global spread of the coronavirus, that we may experience your healing love.

Heal those who are sick with the virus. May they regain their strength and health through quality medical care.

Heal us from our fear, which prevents nations from working together and neighbors from helping one another.

Heal us from our pride, which can make us claim invulnerability to a disease that knows no borders.

Jesus Christ, healer of all, stay by our side in this time of uncertainty and sorrow.

Be with those who have died from the virus. May they be at rest with you in your eternal peace.

Be with the families of those who are sick or have died. As they worry and grieve, defend them from illness and despair. May they know your peace.

Be with all essential workers. Be with all emergency responders, law enforcement, and medical professionals who seek to help those affected and who put themselves at risk in the process. May they know your protection and peace.

Be with the leaders of all nations. Give them the foresight to act with charity and true concern for the well-being of all people, particularly those who are poor and most vulnerable. May they know your peace, as they work together to achieve it on earth.

Whether we are home or abroad, surrounded by many people suffering from this illness or only a few, Jesus Christ, stay with us as we endure and mourn, persist and prepare. In place of our anxiety, give us your peace.

*Adapted from prayer written by Kerry Weber, America Magazine*

*The following is said by all*

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,

your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

*\*We use the modern translation of Lord's Prayer because it is closer to the Greek original text; particularly for the verse, Save us from the*

*time of trial'since God does not deliberately lead us into temptation.*

## **SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER**

*A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion.*

*The priest invites the following prayer to be said by all:*

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving as I proclaim your resurrection. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

*The ministries of Christ Church “thank you” for your continued giving during these times of uncertainty. Your generous donations and pledges keep Christ Church moving forward. Please continue to mail to Christ Church (415 Washington St. Toms River, NJ 08753) or set up with your individual bank, a bill pay, to be directly submitted to Christ Church. Please contact the Church Office with any questions or concerns.*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Please also read “Parish News” beginning on page 10 of this bulletin for additional information and news.*

## **THE BLESSING**

### **CLOSING HYMN**

*Every Time I Feel the Spirit*

Lift Every Voice & Sing 114

*Refrain:*

*Every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart I will pray.*

*Every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart I will pray*

*Verse 1*

*Upon the mountain, my Lord spoke, out of God's mouth came fire and smoke.*

*All around me, looked so fine, I asked my Lord if all was mine. [Refrain]*

*Verse 2*

*Jordan River, chilly and cold, chills the body but not the soul.*

*There ain't but one train runs this track.*

*Runs to heaven and runs right back. [Refrain]*

## **THE DISMISSAL**

*The Deacon dismisses the people*

*Deacon* Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.

*People* Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia

## **POSTLUDE**

*Come, Holy Ghost*

Fr. Louis Lambiotte

# PARISH NEWS

(titles in red indicate a new or updated item)

**TODAY IS THE DAY OF PENTECOST**, a major Feast Day of the Church that occurs 50 days after Easter. Jesus promised He would send us the Holy Spirit. Pentecost is the day we celebrate the arrival of the Spirit. Red signifies the fire of the Holy Spirit. The Gospel will be read in as more than one language, just as it was heard on the first Pentecost day.

**THANK YOU MOTHER PETRINA FOR BEING WITH US TODAY!** Here is a brief bio on the Rev. Petrina Pyatt, Long-Term Supply Priest at Christ Church: "I was born in NYC and have been a cradle Episcopalian ever since. I am the eldest of two sisters and a brother, am widowed with two daughters and two granddaughters. I worked on Wall Street with a Securities Exchange Department. I then attended and graduated General Theological Seminary with a M. Div. degree. Following this I was ordained and became a hospice chaplain for several years in New Jersey. At this same time, I served as Assistant Rector at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, NYC. Next, I was Rector of Our Merciful Savior Church in Penns Grove, NJ, from which I retired in January 2017.



I have had a love affair with God and the Episcopal Church since I can remember, and have been involved in many church ministries: Altar Guild, Vestry member and warden, Lay Eucharistic Minister, Chalice Bearer, Lector, Sunday School teacher, home-bound visitor, and an outreach coordinator. And now, I am happily serving as Assisting Rector here at Christ Church and as a Supply priest where needed. I am still in love with God and the Church and pray this affair remains alive, well with me until God says otherwise. Hopefully, this affair will continue for a very long time."

**ATTN: ALL GRADUATES! BACCALAUREATE SUNDAY IS JUNE 14!** On this Sunday, Christ Church will recognize all of our parishioners who are 2020 graduates during the 9:45 AM tele-service.

We celebrate the accomplishments of these graduates, but we also send them out in God's name to continue their education at a new level or to begin new ministries.

If you are graduating from College, High School, Intermediate School, Kindergarten, Pre-school or earning an advanced degree or a technical degree, or a certificate of completion for a course of study, there are opportunities to participate in Baccalaureate Sunday:

1. Provide to the Church Office your name, grade, school, what is next for you, and a photo to be included in a virtual presentation
2. Provide up to a 3 minute sermonette that you will read during the LIVE 9:45am service\* in reflection of at least one of the readings for that Sunday: Genesis 1:1-2:4a; Psalm 8; 2 Corinthians 13:11-13; Matthew 28:16-20 OR "what Christ Church (my church) means to me". If not comfortable or available to read during the LIVE service, someone will be assigned to read your submission for you
- .3. Be a Lector during this LIVE service\* and read one of the mentioned readings in item #2 above.

There is absolutely no pressure to do any of the above but it is an opportunity for the congregation to hear from our graduates, whom we are so proud!

\*All LIVE service participants must participate in a practice run at **11:45am** on Saturday, June 13 AND call in early at 9:15am on Sunday, June 14.

Please email by June 5 to [NicoleStrada@ChristChurchTomsRiver.org](mailto:NicoleStrada@ChristChurchTomsRiver.org) how you would like to participate on 6/14! Blessings, Health and CONGRATULATIONS!

Five parishioners planted the **CHRIST CHURCH VEGETABLE GARDEN** this past Tuesday! God blessed them with a beautiful day! We planted tomatoes, peppers, eggplants, cucumbers, basil, parsley, pole beans and flowers. It was a glorious event! All of the produce is donated to the Christ Church Food Pantry! Please say a prayer for a bountiful harvest. The gardeners are looking for donations of large pieces of cardboard for the garden. Please leave any large flat cardboard pieces inside the garden fence. Any donations are much appreciated. Thank you!

**DIocese RE-OPENING TASK FORCES BEGIN WORK** (from NJ Diocesan Good News in the Garden State dated 5/22)

The decision to remain closed to in-person communal worship has been made by our bishop in consultation with the best available experts and information. Though painful to us all, the restrictions were made in a spirit of loving sacrifice intended to protect our community and our most vulnerable parishioners.

As we move closer to re-opening, Bishop Stokes has called two special task forces of experts to help guide the diocese into the "new normal."

Bishop Stokes has appointed the Re-entering, Re-opening and Re-imagining (RRR) Task Force to provide guidance to congregations on how and when to re-open. The Task Force includes approximately 20 members who represent the diversity of congregations in our diocese and bring skills and experience in public health, liturgy, and congregational life. The task force met for the first time this week and issued the following statement:

*This team is committed to providing preliminary guidance by June 5th so that parishes may begin the planning process. Each parish will create its own plan and submit it for review to the Task Force. We anticipate that the time it takes each parish to create and implement their plan will vary greatly. While some parishes may be able to resume limited use of their buildings shortly after the release of the guidelines, others may plan to open months later based upon the unique needs, composition, staffing and location of each parish. --The RRR Task Force*

A second group--the Learnings and Breakthroughs Task Force--has been formed to look at the lessons we've learned during this crisis and how we can keep the good parts happening. We've been amazed at the level of community we've been able to build online, bringing Christ's word to people who haven't been in church in years. We don't want to lose those aspects when we return to "normal."

**DEEPEN YOUR UNDERSTANDING OF THE BIBLE:** A few of us get together on Tuesday evenings to take our understanding of the Bible to a new level. We deepen our understanding of the Old Testament and New Testament, we laugh, we cry, we form relationships. We'd love to have you join us for our virtual "Open House," via Zoom on Tuesday, June 2, at 6:30 pm. Please let Mary Lou Steed know you'll be joining us so that she can tell you how to get to us. All you'll need is access to the internet and a beverage of choice while you're with us. Call 732-849-9222 or Email: [marylousted@yahoo.com](mailto:marylousted@yahoo.com) [both men and women are welcome]

**JEWELRY REQUESTED:** While many of us are spending more hours at home these days, now is a good time to look through that jewelry for any you would like to donate to the Women of Christ Church (WCC). The WCC are interested in all kinds of jewelry, including costume, tarnished and broken. Please set these items aside until the church doors reopen and it is again safe for you to visit the building. There will be a collection bin labeled "jewelry" on top of the mailboxes. Thank you!

**CHURCH GROUNDS:** Although we may not be able to visit at this time, Christ Church grounds are looking very nice. The bushes have been trimmed, the beds around the Church and Memorial Garden have been weeded and mulched. "Thank You" to our parishioners from the 12:00 service: Luis, Rafael, Antonio and Oscar. "Thank You" also to our Sexton John for all the mowing and lawn trimming in order to get the church grounds in shape. And, "Thank You" to Vestry member Phyllis who has been a major help working in the garden at the Rectory and removing limbs from the lawn.

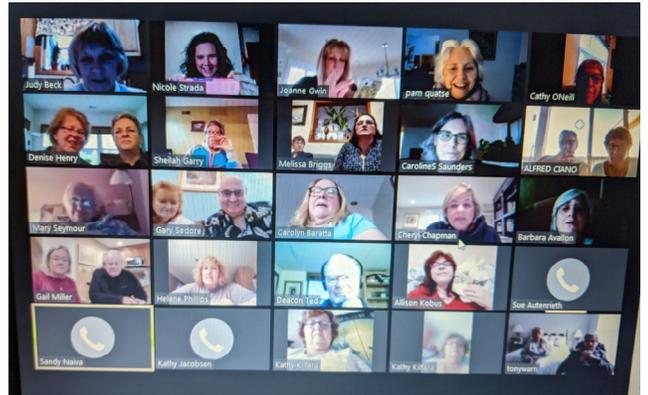
**WEEKLY FINANCES:** During the year 2020, we have budgeted \$5,635 to come from pledges and loose offerings each week. For the week ending May 22, we received \$4,424 in pledges. (There were no loose offerings due to there not being any services in church.)

**FOOD PANTRY UPDATE:** The FOOD PANTRY is going strong - open every Tuesday 9:30-12noon. This week we had a large increase in visitors - (14) families, totaling over (60) in their households. We do have a lot of food right now, HOWEVER...there are some very popular items that we have little or none of. If you would like to donate food, PLEASE try to donate ONLY the following items for now: CEREAL (particularly, Corn Flakes, Rice Crispies, Honey Nut Cheerios, Honey Bunches of Oats, Oatmeal), SUGAR, JELLO, PUDDING, VEGETABLE OIL, SALT, PINEAPPLE, MANDARINE ORANGES, WHOLE LONG-LIFE MILK, JUICE, HONEY, PINTO BEANS (DRY OR CANNED), BLACK BEANS (DRY OR CANNED), and MAYO. Please bring your items on Tuesdays between 915am and 11am to allow us to load for the next week. Thank you!!

**MONDAY EVENING VIRTUAL "COFFEE HOUR" FROM 7-8PM**

Every week on Mon, until Jul 27, 2020

- Jun 1, 2020 07:00 PM
- Jun 8, 2020 07:00 PM
- Jun 15, 2020 07:00 PM
- Jun 22, 2020 07:00 PM
- Jun 29, 2020 07:00 PM
- Jul 6, 2020 07:00 PM
- Jul 13, 2020 07:00 PM
- Jul 20, 2020 07:00 PM
- Jul 27, 2020 07:00 PM



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And then enter the Meeting ID: **943 3320 1452**

For those not familiar with ZOOM, it is a video chat room/meeting space. If you have a phone or computer with video/camera functions, you will be able to join in and SEE the faces of your Church Family as well as show us your face. If you are not interested in being visible, having your video off is an option.

If you do not have or are not comfortable using a computer or internet, you can still participate by calling in on your phone. You will still be able to listen and speak to everyone else participating (but you will not have a visual). We look forward to "seeing" your faces in these virtual Coffee Hours as we take this opportunity to say "Hello!" and "How are you?" If you need any help, please let me know! (Above is photo of the 4/27 Coffee Hour)

**BIRTHDAY CLUB:** We all have one day of the year that is just for us; it's our birthday. We may celebrate in grand style with family and friends singing that special song, eating cake and GETTING gifts; or we may choose to celebrate in a quiet fashion. However you choose to celebrate, it is YOUR special day. The Endowment and Stewardship Committees have come up with another way to celebrate this day. How about GIVING a gift that will KEEP ON GIVING? Each year on your birthday, we are inviting you to join the Birthday Club by writing a check in the amount of your age to Christ Church, which will be deposited into the Endowment Fund. The Endowment Fund is invested with the diocese. By giving to this fund on your birthday, you will be contributing to the day-to-day life of the parish as well as the future of Christ Church. It is truly a gift that will keep on giving! How can you donate? Simply write out a check for the amount of your age, put Birthday Club in the memo and put it in the offering plate, mail it or drop it off to the office mailbox. So that we can all watch our gifts grow, we will update you on what we have received. We look forward to celebrating each of your birthdays! **The current total of contributions for the month of MAY is \$363 (5 birthdays)!**

**RESIGNATION** — Jane Rendueles has announced her resignation as Financial Assistant of Christ Church as of June 1. Jane has taken care of making sure the church bills were paid, kept financial records, did the banking, prepared checks, and so much more, since April 2007. “Thank you” Jane, for all of your time and energy these past 13 years.

**CHRIST CHURCH APPLIED FOR THE PAYCHECK PROTECTION PROGRAM (PPP)** through Wells Fargo Bank and administered by the Small Business Association (SBA) available due to COVID-19. We are happy to share that we were approved for a loan of \$28,961 and received these funds on May 11. These funds will help us stay on better track financially during this time. IN ADDITION TO monthly parish pledges and plate income (both of which have been reduced or lost since March through an unknown date), we are not able to offer our building space for use by the many daily outside groups and receive in exchange the usual monthly donations of \$2,370. We thank all those who have been able to keep up with their pledges.

**PLEASE LET US KNOW HOW YOU ARE DOING** — We want to hear from you! And know that you are doing “ok” amongst this pandemic. Please leave us a Voicemail or send us an Email!

**JOIN US IN DAILY PRAYER AT 8:00PM:** Pray, wherever you may be ...at home, at work, in the car...let us pray together for a resolution and end to the COVID-19 pandemic...let us pray for health care workers, first responders, law enforcement and all essential workers... let us pray for our federal and state government officials ... let us pray for those that are sick and those that have died from the virus...let us pray for the families of the victims of the virus and all those who are poor and more vulnerable to the virus...let us pray for New Jersey, the United States of America and the World. There is no right, wrong or specific way one should pray ... pray the "Our Father", the "Prayer in Time of Pandemic" from our Sunday bulletins, or pray using words expressing how your heart feels.

**JOIN US FOR “SERVICE” FROM THE SAFETY OF YOUR HOME!** During this time of “public service suspension” through at least the month of May, your Clergy and Staff are providing multiple times a week live and recorded services via phone and email. The current weekly schedule of live services via phone are:

**Sundays, 9:45am — Wednesdays, 10:00am — Fridays, 7:00am**

We plan to have many of the services recorded and then posted on our website [www.christchurchtomsriver.org](http://www.christchurchtomsriver.org) for access at your convenience. To listen to the live service please: Dial: 712-770-5505 and Enter Access Code: 189853# If you have any difficulty, please email or call the church office (leave a voicemail).

**COVID-19 DISCRETIONARY FUND:** While everyone's life has been impacted by the coronavirus, we have become aware of several people in our parish who have already lost their jobs and income and are in dire need of emergency assistance. Also, as this disaster continues, we expect that more jobs will be affected. For this reason we are setting up a Coronavirus Discretionary Fund. This fund will provide emergency assistance to people affected by this disaster. If you are in need of emergency assistance, please contact one of the clergy (Mother Petrina, Deacon Jose, or Deacon Ted). If you are able to contribute to this fund, please send a check to Christ Church (415 Washington St. Toms River, NJ 08753) with "Coronavirus Fund" in the memo. A restricted account has been established specifically for this purpose. May God bless us all. We will get through this together. \*\* As May 21, the COVID-19 Fund balance stands at: Contributions: \$21,705.50; Disbursements: \$4,486.80

**CONTRIBUTIONS & PLEDGES DURING COVID 19:** Our pews will be empty for the next several weeks, that also means our collection plate is empty. We are asking if you would please continue to send in your pledges even though our weekly worship services have been suspended. Although most of life as we know it has come to a halt, the bills continue to come in and need to be paid. You can help us keep our bills current by keeping your pledge up to date. You can do this by mailing a check to the office (415 Washington St. Toms River, NJ 08753), or you can set up online bill pay through your bank (see your bank for details). Please consider doing this, so that once we are back in church, we can continue moving forward without the worry of how we are going to “catch up”. Thank you!