

THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST: TRINITY SUNDAY

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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. Allen Wakabayashi

DEACON: The Rev. Ted Foley

MUSIC DIRECTOR: Polly Moore

ORGAN/PIANO: Andrew Van Buskirk

CHOIR PARTICIPANTS: Cathy O'Neill, David Corbitt

LECTOR: Polly Moore

INTERCESSOR: Suzanne Schleck

PRELUDE

By the Waking of Our Hearts

Ricky Manalo

OPENING HYMN

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Hymnal 423

*Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessèd, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, thy great Name we praise.*

*Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.*

*To all life thou givest—to both great and small;
In all life thou livest, the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,
And wither and perish—but nought changeth thee.*

*Thou reignest in glory, thou rulest in light,
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
All laud we would render: O help us to see
'Tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.*

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 and everlasting God, you have given to us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of your divine Majesty to worship the Unity: Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see you in your one and eternal glory, O Father; who with the Son and the Holy Spirit live and reign, 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

Genesis 1:1-2:4a

A Reading from the book of Genesis.

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day. And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day. And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day. And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so. God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day. And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let

birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.” So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day. And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.” And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, “Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.” So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.” God said, “See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day. Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation. These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created. The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

The following is said by all

PSALM 8

- 1 O LORD our Governor,
how exalted is your Name in all the world!
- 2 Out of the mouths of infants and children
your majesty is praised above the heavens.
- 3 You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries,
to quell the enemy and the avenger.
- 4 When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,
- 5 What is man that you should be mindful of him?
the son of man that you should seek him out?
- 6 You have made him but little lower than the angels;
you adorn him with glory and honor;
- 7 You give him mastery over the works of your hands;
you put all things under his feet:
- 8 All sheep and oxen,
even the wild beasts of the field,
- 9 The birds of the air, the fish of the sea,
and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.
- 10 O LORD our Governor,
how exalted is your Name in all the world!

THE SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

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

Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you. The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

Please stand as able and face the Gospeler.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 28:16-20

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

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Deacon Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." The Gospel of the Lord.

People *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

Please be seated.

REFLECTION

The Rev. Allen Wakabayashi

HYMN

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

Hymnal 362

*1 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee:
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity.*

*2 Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.*

*3 Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though the sinful human eye thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in power, in love, and purity.*

*4 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy Name, in earth, and sky, and sea;
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity.*

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 Dorothy Gabbett, Elvis, John Boland, Stuart, 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 Ann Forbes and for those we name at this time God of love,

People *Hear our prayer.*

Priest Look with pity, O heavenly Father, upon the people in this land who live with injustice, terror, disease, and death as their constant companions. Have mercy upon us. Help us to eliminate our cruelty to these our neighbors. Strengthen those who spend their lives establishing equal protection of the law and equal opportunities for all. And grant that every one of us may enjoy a fair portion of the riches of this land; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.* (BCP 826)

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

Alleluia, Sing to Jesus

Hymnal 460, vs. 1,3,4

1 Alleluia! sing to Jesus! his the scepter, his the throne;

Alleluia! his the triumph, his the victory alone;

Hark! the songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood;

Jesus out of every nation hath redeemed us by his blood.

3 Alleluia! Bread of Heaven, thou on earth our food, our stay!

Alleluia! here the sinful flee to thee from day to day:

*Intercessor, friend of sinners, earth's Redeemer, plead for me,
where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea.*

4 Alleluia! King eternal, thee the Lord of lords we own:

*Alleluia! born of Mary, earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne:
thou within the veil hast entered, robed in flesh, our great High Priest:
thou on earth both Priest and Victim in the eucharistic feast.*

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

Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

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PARISH NEWS

(Titles in Red indicate a New or Updated Item)

TODAY IS TRINITY SUNDAY, the feast that celebrates "the one and equal glory" of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, "in Trinity of Persons and in Unity of Being" (BCP, p. 380). It is celebrated on the first Sunday after Pentecost. Trinity Sunday is one of the seven principal feasts of the church year (BCP, p. 15). Celebration of Trinity Sunday was approved for the western church by Pope John XXII in 1334. This feast is associated with Thomas Becket (c. 1118-1170), who was consecrated bishop on Trinity Sunday, 1162. His martyrdom may have influenced the popularity of the feast in England and the custom of naming the remaining Sundays of the church year "Sundays after Trinity." The Sarum Missal and editions of the Prayer Book through the 1928 BCP named these Sundays the Sundays after Trinity. The 1979 BCP identifies this portion of the church year as the season after Pentecost, and names these Sundays the Sundays after Pentecost (BCP, p. 32). *episcopalchurch.org*

THANK YOU REV. ALLEN WAKABAYASHI FOR BEING TODAY'S PRIEST! "Fr. Allen serves as the Chaplain for the Episcopal Church at Princeton. Fr. Allen is married to his wife (also a priest in the Diocese), Mtr. Diane Mumma-Wakabayashi. Fr. Allen is in his 2nd year serving as the Episcopal Chaplain at Princeton. Prior to that, he had served for many years as a Campus Minister and a local church pastor outside of the Episcopal Church context. He was born and raised in Chicago."



JUNE 14 IS BACCALAUREATE SUNDAY AT CHRIST CHURCH!

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.

WELCOME KATHY SCHOTT, OUR NEW FINANCIAL ASSISTANT! Kathy is no stranger to Christ Church! She was first hired in May 2017 to temporarily cover Nicole's position while she was out on Family Leave. She returned in October 2018 to again cover Nicole's position while she was on maternity leave for 5 months. She returned again in April 2019 when asked to assist in the Financial Office and very shortly became "Acting" Financial Assistant during Jane's absence beginning in June 2019. With Jane's recent announcement of her resignation as Financial Assistant after 13 years, Kathy accepted the open position. Kathy is a member of All Saints' Episcopal Church in Lakewood and also their Parish Administrator. She comes to us with excellent experience and has been a wonderful addition to our Office Staff. Thank you Kathy!

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!

THE COVID-19 REENTERING, REOPENING, REIMAGINING (RRR) TASK FORCE presented its preliminary report on June 4 to Clergy and Staff of the Diocese of New Jersey.

The Rev. Canon Valerie Balling, St. Peter's Medford, is chair of the Task Force. She told the meetings that the Task Force developed a report and recommendations for congregations to reenter their church buildings and reopen them for public worship and gatherings.

Congregations are urged to use this document to develop THEIR PLAN for reentering and reopening for their context, which may require some reimagining in order to offer their ministry as desired.

A questionnaire must be submitted to the Diocese and approved by the RRR Task Force and the Bishop's Office before a congregation can reopen to the public.

Reopening will be done in stages, with continued physical distancing requirements and cleaning and sanitation requirements to ensure safety. The Bishop will say what "Stage" the Diocese is in. No congregation may be in a later Stage; some congregations may be in an earlier Stage depending on local context. *(from NJ Diocesan Good News in the Garden State dated 6/5)*

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."

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 of June 4, the COVID-19 Fund balance stands at: Contributions: \$22,455.50; Disbursements: \$5,866.80

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 29, we received \$3850.34 in pledges. (There were no loose offerings due to there not being any services in church.)

FOOD PANTRY UPDATE 6/2/20: Thank you for your donations to the FOOD PANTRY, Christ Church. We are well stocked, but have a few select items we have little or none of. They are: Dried pinto beans (bagged), Dried black beans (bagged), Canned corn, Salt, Bottled juice, Mayo, Ketchup, Raisins (small boxes). Donations can be left on the marked table at the end of the ramp, between 915am and 11am every Tuesday. Please reach out to Claire if you have any questions at (732) 600-5709 or via email at clairekoerner1503@gmail.com.

BISHOP STOKES WILL BE JOINING US ON SUNDAY, JUNE 21! The Rt. Rev. William “Chip” Stokes, Bishop of the Diocese of New Jersey, has made himself available to participate in our Sunday tele-conference. We hope you will be available to join us as well!

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

Every week on Mon, until Jul 27, 2020

- 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



Join this Zoom Meeting Here! <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/94333201452> OR

Dial by Phone: **1 646 558 8656**

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 total of contributions for the month of MAY is \$363 (5 birthdays)! The current total for the month of JUNE is \$69 (1 birthday)!**

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 [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!

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.

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 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).

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!

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