

Sept
2016



TOGETHER

A word from our Assisting Priest

In “The General Thanksgiving” in the *Book of Common Prayer*, there is a marvelous line: “We thank you for our creation, preservation and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.” Not only is the entire prayer wonderfully poetic and beautifully written, it also summarizes all those things for which we give thanks.

We give thanks for God’s profound gifts that have changed the way we live and die: for our creation in the image of God making us capable of loving and creating; for the assurance that we are continually cared for by a God whose love is so unfathomable that, in Christ, he became one of us to share our lives and open for us the way of eternal life.

It is right that we give thanks for these mighty acts of God. Even so, it is also nice to realize that there are some seemingly small, often overlooked things that God has done simply for our delight.

I have a sister who is twelve years younger than I. When she was very little, her favorite book was entitled *Sam and the Firefly*, which (it felt like) I read to her constantly. The firefly’s name was “Gus” and I recall summer evenings when my sister would go out in the yard, squealing and laughing with delight, as she chased all the “little Gussies,” as she called them.

Some time ago there was an unattributed write-up on the internet about lightning bugs. It said, in part, “What is the deal with lightning bugs? I mean, there is this rather ordinary looking flying insect, but wait...it has a glow-in-the-dark rear end!...I’m sure science has all kinds of explanations about how this fluorescent fanny is useful for mating and other stuff, but why did God choose to make the lightening bug glow?...We know that God loves us enough to create all the things we need to survive, but does God love us so much he created some things just to make us smile?”

Our world today presents us with so many varied and difficult situations. Terrorists roam the globe, tyrants slaughter their own people, and our country is divided on so many fronts, from economic disparity to race to immigration to politics. All this — in addition to whatever difficulties we face personally.

In the midst of it all, it is reassuring to know we have a loving God with the power of creation and re-creation. It is comforting to know that, in Christ, there is a grace which will help us and others face the difficulties that are a part of our human lives.

And in the midst of our gratitude for these profound gifts from God, may we also keep an eye out for the little Gussies in our lives, all those small things that give delight to our souls and bring joy to our lives. It’s good to remember that, as the internet article said, God is a God “who loves us so much, he’d even paint the rear end of a bug just to see us smile.” May we all experience the joy that comes from knowing our God loves us so much that there are some things he does simply to make us glad.

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

SEPTEMBER

(Refer to detailed articles)

Adult Education—Every Sunday (except September 18th)

Youth Breakfast—September 4th

Ladies' Luncheon—September 8th

Labyrinth—September 9 & 10th

Church School Registration—September 11th

St. Martha & Kimball Guilds resume—September 12th

Men's Luncheon—September 21st

All Parish Pot Luck Supper & Concert—September 22nd

Food 4 Kids Thank You Brown Bag Luncheon—September 25th

Shepherd Groups—September 25th

2016 SEPTEMBER

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YOUTH BRUNCH—Sunday September 4th - Every first Sunday of the month the Youth Group hosts a brunch. Please attend the Youth Brunch in the Parish Hall just after the Sunday 10:00 am service. Come and join the fun!

LAIDES' LUNCHEONS RESUME Thursday September 8th at 12:00. Hostesses: Joan Proctor, Pat Carroll, and Dot Cross. Dessert will be provided by Dilys Smith. **Please bring a sandwich to share.** Chips and paper supplies are provided. We aim to keep it simple! Chat this up and remind each other with a call.

MEN'S LUNCHEONS RESUME Wednesday September 21st at 12:00. Bring your bag lunch and join the fellowship in the Fireplace Room.

**Sharing a meal is a wonderful way to meet new people and catch up with others.
Please join us and bring a friend.**

INSPIRATION IN THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT LABYRINTH WALKS—September 9th & 10th

What a gift it is when we can inspire others to have courage and to hope, when we can raise another's confidence, when we can instill in them life and energy and vigor. How important it is for us to express care for one another regularly and explicitly, to commend and cherish one another, to work actively to build up the Body of Christ by our words and actions... Br. David Vryhof, Society of Saint John the Evangelist

Join us on September 9, 2016 at 10:00 A.M. in the Parish Hall for the guided monthly walk. Then come to a celebration of the Eucharist and labyrinth walk that evening at 5:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. The Rev. Anne Koehler, Darlene T. Hagon (Director of Music,) and Dr. Margaret Rappaport will facilitate both walks

Special Labyrinth Opportunity

The **Labyrinth Pilgrimage Walk** will take place on **Saturday, September 10, 2016** at three labyrinth sites in Orleans & Chatham.

- 10:00 A. M. in the CHS Parish Hall - Start the pilgrimage on the indoor, canvas labyrinth.
- Our walk will be followed in the outdoor labyrinth at The Federated Church of Orleans - 12:00 noon.
- A third walk will occur at the outdoor labyrinth in Chatham at Chase Park at 2:00 P. M.
- Please see more information in the **Labyrinth Pilgrimage Brochure** available at CHS.

ST MARTHA AND KIMBALL GUILDS will resume on Monday September 12th at 9:00 a.m. ALL are welcome. Bring your craft projects and join us in the Fireplace Room and Kimball House. Bring your lunch and stay for fellowship, tea and dessert .





A GREAT TIME TO KICK OFF
OUR CHURCH YEAR WITH A
"MEET AND GREET"
FOR EVERYONE!!!



**The Welcoming Paths Committee invites you to
ANOTHER FABULOUS ALL-PARISH POT LUCK SUPPER**

SEPTEMBER 22nd 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

The Pot Luck will begin no later than 6:00.

The Blue Grass band, **TOAST AND JAM**, will provide a concert of their wonderful Acoustic Americana Folk music beginning at 6:30 pm. "Toast and Jam" is a favorite group at CHS & always provides a great show.

The Pot Luck dish Signup Sheet will be in the reception hall.

**BRING COLD ITEMS or SOMETHING THAT CAN BE
KEPT IN THE WARMING OVEN**

!!NO STOVE nor HOT OVEN AVAILABLE!!

Pot luck dish assignments by last name:

A-H: Main course dish I-M: Side dish N-P: Salad Q-Z: Dessert

ADULT EDUCATION

Our adult education class, presently being taught by Mother Liza, meets in the Fireplace Room on Sundays mornings from 9:00 to 9:45. The schedule through October 2 is as follows:

- September 4 *Anglican Spirituality: The History of Anglicanism* (DVD plus discussion)
- 11 *Anglican Spirituality: The History of Anglicanism* (DVD plus discussion)
- 18 No Class
- 25 *Anglican Spirituality: Biblical; Liturgical/Communal*
- October 2 *Anglican Spirituality: Incarnational, Sacramental, Mystical, Pastoral*

SHEPHERD GROUPS—Sunday September 25th. at the following locations—Newcomers Welcome!

- Brewster/Dennis Shepherd Group: 5:00 at the home of Gilbert and Elizabeth Merritt,, 64 Nickerson Road, Orleans for a Pot Luck supper. If you have questions or need directions contact the Merritts at (508) 240-6998.
- Eastham-Wellfleet Shepherd Group: 5:00 at the home of Kate Paradise, 10 Richard Lane, Eastham 774-207-0435
- Orleans Shepherd Group: 5:30 at the home of Sally & Tom Dewing, 16 Packet Landing, Orleans. 508-255-2656.

CHURCH SCHOOL— Please refer to September *Spirit Kids* newsletter with important information about Church School Registration on September 11th (Parents—please bring the Registration Forms) and a special Parish Thank You—Food 4 Kids Luncheon on September 25th at 11:15 a.m.

LOOKING AHEAD

THE ANGELICA CENTER FOR SPRITUAL LIVING- October & November Program

CONTROVERSIES AT THE FRONTIER OF ETHICS, MEDICINE AND CULTURE

During October and November, The Angelica Center for Spiritual Living is sponsoring four of our nation's leading thinkers in the field of ethics who will share their insights on a variety of important and fascinating topics. In the morass of much of our public discourse, this series promises a welcome time to revisit the foundations of integrity in our society.

We have this special opportunity thanks to our own parishioners, Tom and Cynthia Murray. Many thanks to them for helping to make this series possible.

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THE ANGELICA CENTER FOR SPIRITUAL LIVING - continued

October 8. Eric Juengst will speak on the "And Who Are Your People? Personal Identity and Tribalism in 21st Century Genomic Medicine." His talk will explore how our DNA affects our health risks and how medical research and health care priorities are decided. Eric was the first chief of the Ethical, Legal and Social Issues Program for the US Human Genome Project. He now directs the Center for Bioethics at UNC, Chapel Hill.

October 22. David H Smith, who has had a distinguished career in Religious Studies and Bioethics at Indiana University and Yale, ran the Poynter Center at IU for over 20 years and was founder of the Association for Practical and Professional Ethics. His talk will be about "Wonder".

November 5. Jamie Lindemann Nelson, Jamie is Professor of Philosophy at Michigan State University and a very influential and prolific author with deep interest in literature, the family, and sexual identity. We will provide more information on this session next month.

November 12. Tom Murray, President Emeritus of the Hastings Center, a leading Bioethics research institute. Tom has a decades-long interest in the ethics of performance-enhancing drugs in sport. He serves currently on the Ethics Board of IAAF, the world's governing body for Athletics. We will provide more information on this session next month.

All events are held Saturday afternoons 2:00-4:00 in the Parish hall. All are welcome. The suggested donation, as you are able for each talk is \$20 and, for the entire, series \$50. These donations help cover costs. Please contact Tom Dewing to make your reservations: by email, st.dewing@verizon.net phone 508-255-2656.

ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE— Friday, October 14th & Saturday, October 15th.



Start saving your much needed donations for this popular sale!

Drop-off at the Parish Hall begins Wednesday October 12th. We need **CLEAN** adult and children's clothing, shoes and boots in wearable condition, White Elephant items such as small appliances in **WORKING** order, small furniture, books and children's toys.

We **cannot accept** televisions, computer equipment, luggage, LP records, food, live plants, golf or ski equipment.

Questions? Call Fay and Ike Cole at (508) 255- 9542 or pebblepoint@comcast.net.

39th ANNUAL HOLIDAY ANTIQUES SHOW AND SALE - SAVE THE DATES!

Friday, November 25th, from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Saturday, November 26th, from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

25 dealers from the New England area will gather in the CHS Parish Hall offering a wide range of choice antiques.

In June you received a letter asking for your support of this longstanding Church of the Holy Spirit fund raising tradition.

Please join us and help to make our 39th year the best yet!

If you have any questions or wish to volunteer to help make this show a success, please contact Debbie Meguerdichian, Chair at (508) 255-8819.



NOVEMBER 19TH—CHRISTMAS BAZAAR—SAVE THE DATE

Preparations are underway for the annual Christmas Bazaar on November 19th.

Please gather up your "no longer wanted treasures" and put them aside for the White Elephant Bazaar sale.

Please plan on making something for our Food Table or Cookie Walk.



GENERAL ARTICLES

PARISH FINANCIAL UPDATE – Highlights of the August 7th presentation.

On Sunday, August 7th, our Treasurer, Steve Koehler, gave a brief presentation on our current financial status and an initial forecast for 2017. Highlights of his presentation are as follows:

- Pledge Plus was successful with an additional \$34,000 in pledges from 80 families, or 79% of the \$43,000 goal.
- 2016 Projection:
 - With the additional pledge income and some expense savings, 2016 should end with a balanced budget.
- 2017 Challenges.
 - We hope the parish can sustain Pledge Plus levels of giving into 2017.
 - With projected operating expenses of 68% for ordained and lay staff plus 10% for buildings and grounds, any expense reductions will require difficult choices.
 - The Vestry wants to hold to the following principles:
 - Fund a full time rector and an assisting priest.
 - Proper health care benefits for our employees.
 - Maintain good stewardship of our buildings and grounds.
 - Reduce the draw on our endowment funds and savings toward a sustainable level.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Vestry has formed the Nominating Committee and given it its charge in preparation for the Church of the Holy Spirit's next Annual Meeting, January 2017. Appointed to the Committee were Joan Kirkby, Sandy Marshall, Gilbert Merritt and Anne Moronta. Also appointed to the Committee was outgoing Vestry Member, Warden Richard (Rick) Paris.

At the Annual Meeting, the parish will elect one Warden for a two year term, a Treasurer and a Clerk, each for a one year term, and four Vestry-at-large members, each for a two year term.

Anyone interested in making suggestions for the open 2017 positions is encouraged to contact a Nominating Committee member.

CHS GALLERY

This month we get to enjoy the art of one of our many talented youth! September's featured artist in the CHS Gallery is **CAROLINE KEEFFE-JONES**, a seventh grade student at the Cape Cod Lighthouse Charter School in Harwich. In addition to school art classes, Caroline has expanded her interest in art through participation in art seminars and enjoys mediums such as Acrylic, Jelly Printing, White Line Woodblock, and Drypoint etching. Her work has also been shown at the Youth Art Show in the Orleans Town Hall. How fortunate we are to have so much talent within our parish family from both our youth and adults!

Calling ALL artists, crafters, photographers, carpenters, potters, weavers, quilters, sewers & creative members!! The 2017 CHS Gallery sign-up sheet is posted on the shelf - by the door - in the Gallery. Sign up now to exhibit/sell your art/craft in the gallery for one month in 2017!

Questions/comments - contact Sharyn Laughton 508 255 7277 - artoff@comcast.net

THE FREE SHOP

Notice to all the loyal & faithful Free Shop Volunteers – if you have not received your new September 2016 through August 2017 schedule, contact the Church Office or Sharyn Laughton.

We are grateful for all your donations but our storage space is very limited. The Free Shop is now gladly accepting **ONLY FALL CLOTHING**. Donations can be dropped off any time the Parish Hall is open. If the shop is closed there is a container outside the Free Shop door for your donations. We can always use your **PAPER** shopping bags. THANKS!

Free Shop Hours are Mondays Noon to 3 and Wednesdays 10 to 1.

JUSTICE & PEACE - A Special Report by Maggie Bragdon

As the 2016 school year came to a close, 18 members of the National Junior Honor Society of Nauset Regional Middle School, including our own Maggie Bragdon and Natalie Sweeney, had one project left, a very special one! With the help of Brooke Skea and the Justice and Peace committee of CHS, they held a school wide drive for Safe Harbor, a shelter that provides a safe haven for women and children who were victims of domestic violence.

National Junior Honor Society is a program which is offered to eligible eighth graders with not only academic excellence, but also social excellence, and focuses on five areas: citizenship, scholarship, service, leadership and character. Not only do members have to exceed in these areas to become part of NJHS, they need to demonstrate a constant effort to continue to exceed.

The Safe Harbor drive is one of many service projects the NJHS has done for the surrounding community. During weekly meetings they created signs and posters to publicize the drive and to encourage fellow classmates to donate. Drop off boxes were placed around the school for the donations of necessities these women and children would otherwise go without including toiletries, pillows, towels and face cloths as well as baby wipes, diapers, toys and clothing. Over the course of two weeks, the Middle School students donated about 170 items to Safe Harbor to help these families.

THANK YOU MAGGIE & NATALIE! YOUR PARISH FAMILY IS PROUD OF YOU!

DRIVERS NEEDED

Volunteers to drive parishioners to church services, activities and medical appointments are sorely needed. If you can help please call Pattie LaBranche at 508-255-3532 or Peter Blank at 508-760-1516.

WELCOMING VISITORS

If you are sitting near visitors at the services, please extend them a greeting and, if you attend the 10 am service, invite them over to the parish hall for coffee hour and a visit to the newcomer table.



HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF CAPE COD

If you are interested in volunteering, check their website (habitatcapecod.org), scroll down to "Volunteer Up", and/or ask Jody Mines, Gilbert Merritt, or Nat Goddard about the variety of opportunities.



GARDEN PARTY - Friday September 23rd 9:00—11:30

If you can pull weeds, trim a bush, rake up debris, then come to our Garden Party. All are welcome. We will have lots of summer and early fall clean up in the church gardens. Please join us and bring your tools and gloves. Coffee and Donuts provided.



NURSERY HELP WANTED

Beginning September 3rd, our CHS nursery needs a caregiver Sunday mornings for 2 hours from 9:15 -11:15. If interested, contact Sandy Marshall, personnel chair, at 508-255-9971 or svm2@comcast.net



GALLEY WEST

Thank you to all who supported the Galley West this summer. Worker bees were very generous with their time and talents and customers were generous with their purchases. Starting September 6th, shop hours are Mondays 10 to 2 and Sundays 11 to Noon.



Entered into Eternal Life

*Judy Erickson Glee Janson Ellen Fuller
Lucy Chandler Laura Kowalker Robert Taylor June MacDonald*



**THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
ORLEANS, MASSACHUSETTS**

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE JULY 14, 2016 VESTRY MEETING

- Fr. Adam and Lori begin their sabbatical leave after the coffee hour on Sunday July 17. We all wish them safe travels. Mother Liza's schedule will be printed on an insert in the Sunday bulletin.
- Shernette, our cleaning person, will be working some extra weekend hours as a provisional step to assist Wayne while he is handling the Sexton duties alone.
- Steve Koehler announced that there will be an open forum to discuss our mid-year financial situation on August 7th following the Youth Breakfast. All are encouraged to attend both events.
- Sharing the Blessing will be hosting a cookout for youth at risk.
- Food for Kids is in full swing with almost 700 lunches going out daily. Volunteers are welcome.
- The rectory renovation is well underway. The bathroom and kitchen have been gutted and work is proceeding on the deck.
- Five trees were taken down along Rte. 28 and the resulting firewood is available to parishioners for the taking.
- The concrete in the Memorial Garden will be stained a terra cotta color.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE AUGUST 18, 2016 VESTRY MEETING

- The Wardens reported that The Rev. Canon William Clay Parnell, the newly appointed Canon to the Ordinary, will be coming to meet with the vestry to open a discussion on the restructure of the diocesan assessment.
- Steve Koehler reported that July was a less favorable month financially due largely to the fact that higher expenses generally come with the first month of the quarter. He expects the overall picture to improve with the receipt of DIT funds in August.
- The Lay Pastoral Care committee is looking into alternative means of transportation for parishioners who are taken by ambulance to the Emergency Room at Cape Cod Hospital and then need unexpected, often late in the day, transportation back home.
- The Welcome Paths Committee is hosting another All Parish Pot Luck on September 22, 2016.
- The Building and Grounds committee reported that work has been completed on the Memorial Garden and that the Rectory Renovation is on track for completion prior to the Linton's return.
- The Nominating Committee has been appointed and charged with nominating parishioners to serve as Warden (2 years), Treasurer (1 year), Clerk (1 year), and 4 Vestry at large members (2 years).

Respectfully submitted,
Victoria C. Hutchens, Clerk

PARISH OFFICE CORNER

TOGETHER EDITOR: Sue Sasso has agreed to be our new *Together* Editor. Going forward, please send your *Together* articles to Sue at susansasso@hotmail.com.

Editor's Note: Thank you to all *Together* contributors for making this transition smooth.

TOGETHER DEADLINE: The Deadline for the October issue is Monday, September 19th .



PARISH SPACE USAGE FORMS—Many of you have already updated your committee "Parish Space Usage Form" for the new program year (September thru June). If you have not done so, to ensure we have space reserved for your meetings and events, please return your form (Blue Forms available in Parish Office by copier) or call the Parish Office with updated information **NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 6TH**. Any questions contact Amanda McClenahan

EVENTS IN THE PARISH HALL— FLOORS: Please be kind to the floors. When you move tables or chairs in the Parish Hall, please **LIFT** them to move them . **DO NOT DRAG TABLES** across the floor. This way we can prevent streaks and scratches

ELECTION DAY IS NOVEMBER 8th

If you are unable to get to the polls and cast your vote on Election Day, watch for information in the news about new ways to vote early or by using an absentee ballot.



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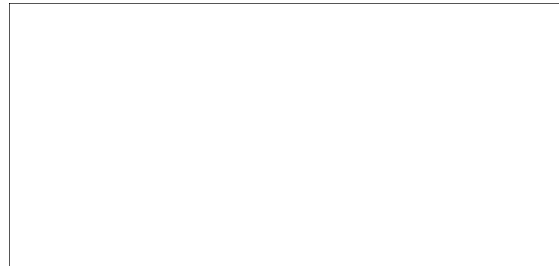
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***Our mission as The Church of the Holy Spirit is
to proclaim Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord,
welcome all people and serve one another with love.***

Dates to remember in September

September 4, Sunday	Youth Group Brunch
September 8, Thursday	Ladies' Lunch
September 9, Friday	Labyrinth
September 10, Saturday	Labyrinth
September 11, Sunday	Church School Registration
September 19, Monday	October <i>Together</i> Deadline
September 21, Wednesday	Men's Luncheon
September 22, Thursday	Parish Pot Luck Supper
September 25, Sunday	Parish Brown Bag Lunch (F4K)
September 25, Sunday	Shepherd Groups