

November  
2016



# TOGETHER

## A word from our Rector

Dear Friends,

It's so good to be back among you, and am looking forward to reconnecting with all of you. This month, I thought I'd share an entry from my Sabbatical journal:

Friday, September 2:

Yesterday we saw a moose, a large female. She was across the shallow head of St. Mary's Lake, well into the water; vigorously foraging for food. It was hard for us not to sense some joy in her cavorting. This was during a new hike for us, on the east side of the Park: starting at Sunrift Gorge, then heading down the trail, taking a left to go to Sun Point. We returned from there, but then took the turn taking us to Baily Falls, and continued almost all the way to the turnoff to get to St. Mary's Falls.

However, I discovered that a lens of my glasses had fallen out. We turned back—and met some other hikers who said that they'd seen it about a half a mile back. So we retraced our steps, almost all the way back up the trail to the Gorge, to no avail, then stopped, pondered, and decided to go back for one last try. We went back, to where we'd seen the moose, and Lori found them. Even with the glasses mishap, it was wonderful.

In my last entry's list of avian encounters, I didn't mention one that we didn't see, but heard (actually probably two, we thought), in some emphatic conversation of theirs into the midnight air: Great Horned Owl, *Bubo virginianus*.

I don't regret the Sabbatical's drastically reduced exposure to news; especially appreciated in this present miserable election season. Mercy; mercy. For the time being, at least, I think my attention more worthily placed on owls, moose, and mountain lakes

I wrote this, of course, *before* coming back to election news even more distressing than I thought it would be. The level of anxiety many are experiencing is understandable.

And yet, last I heard, God has not resigned! "He's got the whole world in his hands"—including us.

I believe it critically important that we, as God's People, never let go of the encouragement and joy that are our birthright in Christ. With the Lord, we always have purpose, as well as plenty of good work to do. "Remember, I am with you always." (Matthew 28:20) Let's take him at his word.

Blessings,

Adam +

## **A STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE FROM OUR WARDENS**

Dear Friends,

As a congregation, you have responded in a very generous way to the message you have received this year about the financial status of The Church of the Holy Spirit. The results of the Pledge Plus campaign allowed us to nearly close our 2016 budget gap. But, as we look at the projections for 2017, we are likely to face a similar shortfall. We don't want you to feel besieged by yet another plea, so we are going to share....

### **"Just the Facts"**

#### **Looking ahead to 2017: Key Principles**

- In our parish, two ordained priests are necessary for pastoral care and clergy wellness. We are so fortunate to have Mother Liza as our part-time Assisting Priest, and, as a retired priest, she requires no insurance or pension funding from CHS.
- We are committed to fair benefits for all full-time employees.
- Outreach is central to what we do.
- We must be good stewards of our building and grounds.
- We must be good stewards of our endowments and savings.
- Always remember that many of our parishioners are on fixed incomes.

#### **Initial thoughts on our 2017 budget**

- 2016 Pledge Plus commitments carry forward.
- Most likely, no staff salary increases.
- Less than desirable financial support to repairs and maintenance.
- Outreach funding will remain at approximately 6% of expenses.
- Our notification to the Diocese of a reduced CHS 2017 Diocesan Assessment payment, approved by the Vestry.
- Rate of withdrawal from endowments and savings is reduced from 6% to 5%, which is still higher than desired or advisable .

#### **Why the large deficit?**

- We have a large, rambling and aging campus that requires attention and repairs.
- Expenses keep increasing despite every effort to keep them stable.
- TOTAL CHS PLEDGE INCOME HAS BEEN FLAT FOR THE PAST 10 YEARS.*

#### **Pledging Trends**

- Loss of substantial pledges due to death or relocation of parishioners.
- Many parishioners pledge the same amount year after year, but expenses increase.
- The top 9% of pledges (17 of the 185 pledge units) account for nearly 36% of our pledge income.

Please take a moment to digest all of this information before you decide on your 2017 pledge. We hope you will respond with a gift commensurate with all the benefits and spiritual support you receive from CHS. If you can possibly increase your pledge, it will be deeply appreciated. However, a pledge of any size matters.

**Lastly, please join us on Sunday November 20th after the 10:00 service for another Parish Forum when Treasurer Steve Koehler and the Vestry will provide a final update on 2016 and some considerations for 2017.**

Thank you for all the you do to make The Church of the Holy Spirit the dynamic and welcoming place that it is.

Rick Paris and Cynthia Murray

## **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 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, four Vestry-at-large members, each for a two year term and one Deanery Representative.

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

**THE ANGELICA CENTER FOR SPRITUAL LIVING- November Programs**

**CONTROVERSIES AT THE FRONTIER OF ETHICS, MEDICINE AND CULTURE**

The Angelica Center for Spiritual Living continues its series in November with two more talented speaker from our nation's leading thinkers in the field of ethics who will share their insights fascinating topics. In the morass of much of our public discourse. 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.

**Note:** All events are held Saturday afternoons 2:00 – 4:00 pm in the Parish Hall. All are welcome. The suggested donation for each talk, as you are able, is \$20 and, for the entire series \$50. These donations help cover costs. Refreshments will be served. Please contact Tom Dewing to make your reservations: by mail, [st.dewing@verizon.net](mailto:st.dewing@verizon.net) phone 508-255-2656

**November 5: Jamie Lindemann Nelson "Sex and Sensibilities: Medicine, Ethics and Gender as Choice".**

Jamie Lindemann Nelson 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.

**November 12: Tom Murray "On the Future of Sport: Values, Meanings, and Performance Enhancing Drugs".**

Tom Murray is 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.



**YOUTH BRUNCH—Sunday November 6th** 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!

**WOMEN'S LUNCHEON Thursday November 3rd at 12:00.** It's early this month. Hope you will help remind each other to come and join us. Bring your sandwich and a smile. The committee will do the rest. It is always fun to catch up with those we know and twice as much fun to meet and talk with new people. Joan Proctor will decorate for us, Georgia Schneider and Ginny Lucil are the lemon and milk providers and Fay Cole will bring the chips. Come join our merry band!

**MEN'S LUNCHEON Wednesday November 16th at 12:00.** Bring your bag lunch and join the fellowship in the Fireplace Room.

**THE LABYRINTH WALK** at 10:00 A.M. on **Friday, November 11, 2016** CHS Parish Hall **Theme: True Beauty.**

In our guided monthly walk, Darlene T. Hagon, Director of Music, features selected meditative music by Samuel Barber. Rev. Anne Koehler offers theological reflection and Dr. Margaret Rappaport presents the theme for the walk. The unfolding of beauty is only one of many explorations that occur in walking the labyrinth. We may find, for example that we are as beautiful as we feel. Or that true beauty is revealed if there is a light from within. Perhaps we will feel that the best thing for beauty is simply being happy. Or, as Victor Hugo suggested, we might seek to transform our spirit and find that "to love beauty is to see light".

**SATURDAY EUCHARISTIC TIME CHANGE November 5th** - services will begin at 4:00 until Mid-March.

**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS Sunday NOVEMBER 6th at 2:00 a.m.** —Turn back clocks 1 hour when you retire for the evening on Saturday November 5th.

**ELECTION DAY IS NOVEMBER 8th**—There are many local, state and national elections.. Every vote is important!

**HEALTH MINISTRIES COMMITTEE—November 10th**

The Health Ministries Committee will be holding regular meetings the second Thursday of the month at 3:30 pm in the library. We are working to define our scope and goals and would welcome any and all who have an interest in health related topics. Please join us on November 10th. Contact: Ann Pike-Paris at [apikep2@gmail.com](mailto:apikep2@gmail.com)

# Christmas Bazaar

**NOVEMBER 19TH— PARISH HALL 9:00-3:00**



Preparations are underway for the annual Christmas Bazaar on Saturday November 19th. Join St. Martha's & Kimball Guilds on Monday mornings as they create beautiful items to sell. **Please gather your "no longer wanted treasures" to donate to the jewelry/scarves or White Elephant Bazaar sale.** We will also have many other artists selling their crafts and a wonderful lunch café serving homemade soups and sandwiches! Come Join the Fun! Questions—Contact Barbara Hoffman—508-255-3912

**AND PLEASE....plan on making something for our Food Table or Cookie Walk. Drop off ALL donations on Friday 11/18 or Saturday morning 11/19**



## **SHEPHERD GROUPS—Sunday November 20th —Newcomers Welcome!**

- Brewster/Dennis: November Hosts will be announced in Sunday Blue Bulletins... stay tuned.
- Eastham-Wellfleet: Meet 5:30 at Hunan Gourmet Restaurant, Route 6A, Orleans. Reservations required. Contact Jody Mines (508-255-4058) or Dilys Smith (508-255-9647)
- Orleans: 5:30 at the home of Nancy & Dick Miller, 10 Pilgrim Lake Road, Orleans 508-255-5282



## **39th ANNUAL HOLIDAY ANTIQUES SHOW AND SALE**

Friday, November 25th, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
Saturday, November 26th, 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 CHS 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.

## **CHS GALLERY**

The featured CHS artist for the month of **November is JANET WINTER**. Janet's exhibit is a combination display of "just finished works" in colored pencil and watercolors done in years past. Both new and older work show Janet's interest in depicting the landscapes around us and the many colors of passing seasons. Enjoy the show. Janet's children's books & cards can also be seen & purchased at the CHS Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, November 19.

**December Gallery** - Back by popular demand! For the month of December we would like to once again fill the gallery with some of your special nativity sets. If you have a crèche that you would be willing to have on display at The Church of the Holy Spirit, please contact Cynthia Murray at 508/896-5634 or [csamurray@mac.com](mailto:csamurray@mac.com).

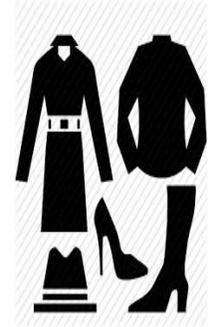
Calling ALL CHS artists, painters, quilters, sculptors, photographers, writers, poets, illustrators, carpenters, potters - **sign up to show your work in 2017—for one month** - put up the first of the month - take down the last of the month - show/ exhibit/sell! The 2017 sign up sheet is located in the Gallery/Reception Room by the door.

Questions/comments - contact Sharyn Laughton - [artoff@comcast.net](mailto:artoff@comcast.net) - 508 255 7277

**THE FREE SHOP**

Volunteers are now gladly & gratefully accepting FALL & WINTER clothing for adults and children. Your donations can be dropped off any time the Parish Hall is open. If the shop is closed there is a container outside the door for clothing donations. We have limited space for books, small household items, linens and blankets.

The shop is open every Monday—Noon to 3 and every Wednesday 10-1. Please.. NO SUMMER CLOTHING or WORN SHOES> YES—please bring PAPER shopping bags—the Free shop has gone “green”. Thank you for your continued support of this vital CHS ministry. Sharyn Laughton—artoff@comcast.net 508-255-7277



**HOLD THE DATE—FIRST FRUITS CHRISTMAS SALE— Saturday/Sunday December 3rd & 4th**

Do you need holiday arrangements made with fresh greens and accents?  
Do you like homemade Christmas cookies but don't want to do the baking?  
Well then ...come to the First Fruits Christmas Sale in the Parish Hall.

Starting on Tuesday November 29th, members of the parish and some volunteers will lovingly be making all kinds of arrangements and cookies that you can purchase at our First Fruits Christmas Sale.

Proceeds are donated to local charities.

Interested in helping us? Contact Dottie Walsh 508-945-3969

**IF YOU HAVE FRESH GREENS TO DONATE, PLEASE BRING THEM TO THE PARISH HALL  
TUESDAY NOVEMBER 29TH TO FRIDAY DECEMBER 2ND**

**CHS SCHOLARSHIP AWARD**

The 2017 Scholarship Award from The Church of the Holy Spirit is open to all CHS seniors with a desire to further their education at college or a trade school. Eligible students recently received a letter outlining the requirements which include academics, Christian ministry and community involvement plus letters of recommendation.

This \$1,000 Scholarship Award comes from our Trust Fund for Scholarship administered by the CHS Scholarship Committee. (Phil Suraci, Sharyn Laughton, Debbie Kimball, Sally Dewing, Joan McFadden, Bill Gardiner, Wilma Morris, Emily O'Reilly )

Contributions to the fund are encouraged. Mark them “CHS Scholarship Fund” Attention: Treasurer.



**ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE**

“Heartfelt thanks” to ALL who helped or supported out CHS Rummage Sale in any way !

One week of receiving, sorting, and pricing donations culminating at the Friday opening and ending with the Saturday closing marked another very successful parish family fund raiser. We will make a respectable profit once all expenses are paid. Some are disappointed that it looks like we won't make our hoped for dollar amount, but in retrospect, we have to consider and be grateful for the fellowship, and good fun we had working together. There were many volunteers, some coming back day after day. When it came time for clean-up, an "army" was on hand to bag, carry, and pack the left-overs into a fleet of vehicles waiting to transport our donations to several locations.

This success couldn't have happened without the wonderful cooperation and hard work of so many many people. THANK YOU.!! Fay and Ike Cole



*Entered into Eternal Life  
Jill Somerville*



## **JUSTICE & PEACE**

### **Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup> at 2 PM at the Orleans United Methodist Church.**

This year will focus on giving thanks to God for all the peoples, cultures and faiths that make up our country towards healing the divisions in our society. The service will include Jewish, Christian, Muslim and Wampanoag readings, brief talks by a new refugee American and our two newest pastors, The Rev. Kai Qu and the Rev. Xia Chur ( they are married!) who immigrated recently to the USA from China. The interfaith choir will sing a beautiful anthem and the offering will be to support 'at risk' youth on the lower/outer Cape and new refugees. For more information please contact Fr. Ken ( 413-478-5719)

**Network of Spiritual Progressives on Cape Cod** is an interfaith group is exploring the possibility of establishing a chapter of the network founded by Rabbi Michael Lerner (who spoke at Holy Spirit last May) If interested please contact Dr. Sharon Leder at 774-487-9386 or Fr. Ken.

**FORUM with our new State Senator - Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup> from 9 am to noon**, at The Church of the Holy Spirit. On November 8<sup>th</sup>, we will elect a new state senator who will replace Senator Dan Wolf. A panel of local advocates will ask the new senator about issues of importance to us on the lower/outer Cape. Florence Seldin of the League of Women Voters will moderate. To attend please register with Fr. Ken at [ksbcampbell@verizon.net](mailto:ksbcampbell@verizon.net) Sponsored by The Network of Faith Communities and Human Service organizations on the Lower and Outer Cape.

## **CAPE COD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES**

The 2016 Annual Assembly of the Cape Cod Council of Churches was held on September 27th at the Faith Assembly of God Church in Hyannis with dinner at the Neighborhood Family Kitchen.

After a brief worship service, the business meeting, chaired by President Charles Wildman, followed. The big news this year was that Executive Director, Edye Newsmith, who has been serving as Interim Director, has agreed to assume the job on a permanent basis.

Edye Newsmith, reported on the work of the Council's seven ministries and told us they assist over 6,000 individuals and families annually, providing food for the hungry, diapers for babies, and comforting the sick and dying. She introduced the leaders of each ministry who gave brief examples of their work.

Finally, we heard the story of how, when the Calvary Baptist Church which had had been providing evening meals to the hungry, burned down, the Faith Assembly of God took over the job. Because their kitchen did not meet Board of Health standards, they could only serve food that was prepared in approved kitchens and delivered to the dining hall. The Council of Churches asked member churches with approved kitchens to provide food for the past five years. Funds were being raised, the kitchen finally upgraded and meals can now be prepared and served in the new Faith Assembly of God kitchen.

Janet & Bob Winter, CHS Delegates, Fr Bill Heuss, Public Policy Committee

## **CHS OUTREACH**

At the October 6th CHS Outreach Committee meeting, Katrina Fryklund, Director of Development for Latham Centers, presented an overview of the history and purpose of The Latham School in Brewster.

The Latham School began in 1970 as a therapeutic residential program for girls aged 8 – 22 who had traumatic backgrounds and behavioral issues. Since then, Latham has evolved into a coed program for children, youth and adults with complex special needs, including PTSD, Reactive Attachment Disorder, Autism, depression, anxiety, learning disabilities, and Prader-Willi Syndrome (PWS).

PWS is a genetic disorder that results in lifelong cognitive limitations, behavioral issues, and insatiable appetite.

Without food-security and the proper treatment, PWS is a life-threatening condition. Latham is the only program in the country that meets the complex needs of children, youth transitioning to adulthood, and adults with PWS.

Katrina expressed Latham's gratitude for CHS' ongoing support of their programs and shared two particular needs they now have. 1. A protective fence for the playground and, 2. Some outdoor stations to meet the sensory needs of their students.

Katrina will return on October 23<sup>rd</sup> for our CHS Outreach Sunday to answer questions about Latham Centers.

**THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT  
ORLEANS, MASSACHUSETTS**  
Highlights of the **October 20, 2016** Vestry Meeting

- Fr. Adam has returned from his sabbatical leave rested and refreshed.
- Steve Koehler reported that he and the FinCom has begun work on the preliminary budget for 2017.
- There will be another Parish Forum following the 10 AM service on November 20, 2016 for the purpose of presenting a final financial update for 2016 and some considerations for 2017.
- The Youth Group is very busy with a pumpkin carving and spaghetti supper in October and a movie and pizza night in December. They are also planning a food drive in conjunction with the brunch next February.
- The interior work on the Rectory has been completed and Fr. Adam reported that he and Lori are extremely pleased with the improvements. There are still a few landscaping projects left to finish.
- The Health Committee has been re-formed under the leadership of Margaret Anne Heuss and Ann Pike-Paris.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Victoria C. Hutchens, Clerk*



**Calling All CHS Historians.** We are repairing the hammered aluminum "halo" cross that is normally outside over the main (south) entrance to the sanctuary. The mount had deteriorated over the years and it was in danger of falling.

Does anyone know its history, who made it, etc.?

Contact Gilbert Merritt 508-240-6998

**\*\*\*\*\*IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT NEW CHS EMAIL ADDRESSES\*\*\*\*\***

The Church of the Holy Spirit has changed its internet provider from Verizon to Comcast. A direct result of this switch is that **ALL of the staff's email addresses have changed.**

If you have not already done so, **please delete all prior CHS email addresses for our staff and substitute the following addresses. (Note all new addresses are @chsorleans.org).** The old Verizon email addresses will **NOT** be monitored or available starting November 1, 2016.

- **Fr. Adam Linton: rector@chsorleans.org**
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- **Amanda McClenahan: admin@chsorleans.org**
- **Debbi Manning: office@chsorleans.org**
- **Ann Anderson: treasurer@chsorleans.org**
- **Bernie Hutchens: database@chsorleans.org**
- **Darlene Hagon: music@chsorleans.org**

**PARISH OFFICE CORNER**

-NEW EMAILS for Church Staff— PLEASE REFER TO INFORMATION ABOVE.

-**TOGETHER DEADLINE:** Due to an early Thanksgiving(11/24), the **Deadline for the DECEMBER issue is Monday, November 14th.** Questions, contact Sue Sasso 508-255-1732 or susansasso@hotmail.com

-**SATURDAY EUCHARISTIC TIME CHANGE November 5th** - services will begin at 4:00 until Mid-March.



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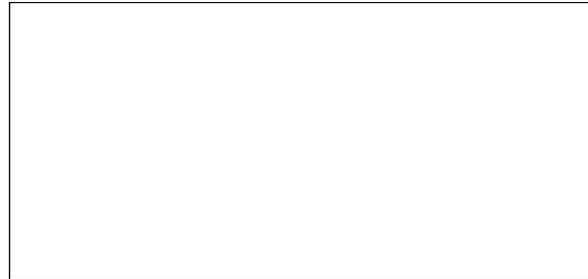
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*Our mission as The Church of the Holy Spirit is  
to proclaim Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord,  
welcome all people and serve one another with love.*

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

**November 2016**

(Refer to detailed articles)

- November 3rd—Women’s Luncheon
- November 5th—Angelica Center Event
- November 5th—Saturday Eucharist changes to 4:00 p.m.
- November 5th—Daylight Savings Ends
- November 6th—Youth Brunch
- November 8th—Election Day
- November 10th—Health Ministry Committee
- November 11th—Labyrinth Walk
- November 12th—Angelica Center Event
- November 16th —Men’s Luncheon
- November 19th—Christmas Bazaar
- November 20th—Parish Financial Forum
- November 20th—Interfaith Thanksgiving Service—Orleans United Methodist
- November 20th—Shepherd Groups
- November 25th-26th—Antique Show