

Christ Church Newsletter

February 2011



**WELCOME
TO CHRIST CHURCH**

***A WELCOMING,
COMPASSIONATE
AND HEALING COMMUNITY***

Service Hours:

***Wednesday: 12:00 Noon Holy
Eucharist & Healing Prayers***

Saturday: 5:00 pm Holy Eucharist

Sunday: 8:00 am Holy Eucharist

Sunday: 10:00 am Holy Eucharist

Children's Sunday school: 9:45 am

***Christian Education Hour for adults:
Sundays 9:00-9:45 am***

Phone: (570) 421-7481

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Inclement weather – Check Channel 13

A Message from Father Gaeta

To the Saints at Christ Church,



The Lord be with you!

Epiphany is the Season that commemorates the arrival of the Magi to the Christ child. The Festival of the Epiphany (6 January) is of particular significance in the Orthodox (Eastern Church) tradition. It's their prime celebration of Christ's birth rather than the Western Church's date of 25 December.

While the Season comes at a time of year when we're sort of in the winter doldrums (isn't the snow gorgeous?!?!), it does have a singular message for us that is important not to miss.

The focus is based, again, on the visit of the Magi to the Christ child. The significance is that this visit was Christ's first contact with

the Gentile world. Thus, the focus of the Epiphany season is on the mission of the Church in the world.

Through Scripture, hymnody and homily the persistent Epiphany call is to mission in the world.

Each Christian, each congregation is called by God to share the generous gifts God has lavished upon us. We share ourselves with family, neighbors, and even those we casually meet on the way.

Members of Christ Church can effectively use this Season to consider where God is calling you to share the gift of you in the Stroudsburg community.

Your new Rector will vigorously pursue this question with you. It's important that each member begin considering the giftedness that Christ Church is, and the ways in which these gifts might be generously shared with others.

It's Epiphany! On to sharing the gospel by sharing ourselves!

Grace & Peace,

Gerard R Gaeta+

Search Update

Submitted by Patti Alleger



The next step of the search process is moving along. The Vestry has approved the search committee. Serving on the committee are: Patti Alleger – Chair, Lisa Baatz, Keith Branch, Barbara Cramer, Robby O'Brian, Janet Ullo, Michael Shands, Julie Tom Wing, Steve Whiteley, and two junior members, Natori Tom Wing and Jake Whiteley. The members represent a cross-section of the parish so many voices can be heard.

The individual members of the committee will be open to hearing your concerns, questions and ideas during the search process, but please remember that they are working under the strictest of confidentiality. They will report only to other members of the committee and our Diocesan Representative, Rev. Canon Jane Teter.

The Profile is in its final stages and should be ready in the near future to send to the Diocese for approval. Once approved, we will be posting it online for all to see. Printed copies will also be available.

We are planning a meeting after church on Feb. 27th to share the results of the Parish Questionnaire. Please plan on joining us during a pot luck luncheon to see where we are headed.

Please keep the committee and the process in your prayers while we move forward in our search for a new Rector.

VALENTINE'S DAY SOCIAL

At Christ Episcopal Church

Saturday, February
19th

7-9 p.m.



Hors d'oeuvres ~
Cocktails ~ Dessert ~ Dancing

\$10 per person

{Includes one glass of wine }

Music provided by Antonia
Harewood-Harris & Sue
Wilkins



{Childcare Provided}

HEY KIDS! COME JOIN US FOR SOME FUN!!



**WHAT: PIZZA PARTY &
SLEEPOVER**

WHEN: FEBRUARY 19th, 2011

**TIME: 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.
leepover to follow**

**WHERE: Christ Church,
Stroudsburg**

Come join us for food, fun and fellowship while your parents enjoy a nice adult VALENTINE's SOCIAL downstairs! Bring your sleeping bags and PJ's and stay the night for more fun and games - and maybe a little sleep! Breakfast will be provided the next morning before being escorted to Sunday School for 9:45! We're going to have a BLAST so don't miss out on the fun!!!

**PLEASE SIGN UP IF YOU WOULD
LIKE TO ATTEND!!!**

**PARENTS: PLEASE LET US KNOW
IF YOUR CHILD HAS A FOOD
ALLERGY!**

If you would like to help chaperone, please contact Roseann at 484-221-0774 or Julie at 570-972-9285.

Children 5 and under must be accompanied by an adult if they would like to stay for the sleepover.

DONATIONS welcomed!

KIDS: Bring your sleeping bag, pillow, pajamas, toothbrush & toothpaste, clothes to attend Sunday School the next day.



CHRIST CHURCH OUTING..



**Bus Trip to
Carnegie Hall's**

2011 Winter Concert

Featuring the Award-Winning
New York Youth Symphony

**Sunday, March 13th – the bus
leaves Christ Church at 11:30 am**

**Cost of \$45.00
includes: Bus Ticket,
Concert Admission,
Lunch/Snack**



Call the church office
or email your
reservation ASAP

Only 25 seats are available

For more Information
visit:<http://www.nyyouthsymphony.org/performances/orchestra.php>

"BELIEVING GOD"

Submitted by Barbara Cramer

We believe in God but do we believe God? There is a difference. Believing God means we believe He is who He says He is. We believe His Word is true. We believe He is actively working in our lives.

The DVD-driven Beth Moore Bible study "Believing God" will begin Tuesday, February 15th from 2:30-4:30PM and continue each Tuesday until Easter. It will be held at the home of Barbara Cramer, 508 Melmar Drive in Stroudsburg ~ about 5 minutes from church. If you would prefer a different day and time, with enough interest a second group could be formed. Everyone is invited to this life-changing journey of faith. Workbooks need to be ordered by the end of January, so please call Barbara at 424-6921 if you are interested.



PRAYER CHAIN

Intercessory prayer is a quiet, hidden ministry ~ so hidden, in fact, that you may not know Christ Church has a Prayer Chain. In addition to the Prayers of the People in worship, there are a dozen faithful and committed people on our Prayer Chain who pray each day for those concerns and others which are kept completely confidential.

If you or someone you love needs prayer, you can feel safe adding your concern to the Prayer Chain. Call or e-mail Barbara Cramer at 424-6921 or bjcramer@ptd.net. There can never be too many intercessors. Let Barbara know if you would like to be a part of this hidden ministry.

TEEN GROUP FORMING!!!



There will be a meeting for all teens and their parents

When: Sunday, February 13

Time: 6:00 pm

**Where: In the Library,
Christ Church**

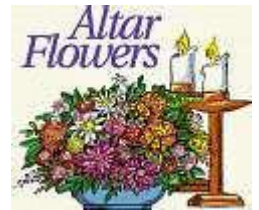
Please plan on attending to get this priceless ministry in motion!!

Altar Flowers

Submitted by Kathy Miller

To request flowers, contact me at 421-0763 or send an email to

kathmark89@hotmail.com



Or you can call the church office at 421-7481

The cost is now \$35.00

Available dates:

February 27, March 6, May 1, May 22, May 29, June 5, June 12, June 19, June 26, July 24, July 31, August 7, August 28, September 11, October 2, October 9, October 16, October 30, and November 6.

January Altar Flowers were:

9th: In loving memory of Myra Harewood by her sister, Antonia Harewood-Harris and grandchildren

23rd: In memory of **Hilda P. LaBar** by her family



February Altar Flowers:

6th: In loving memory of **Thomas P. Shosmith**, son of the Rev. Thomas Shosmith, uncle of Kathy Miller, by his daughter Jo Shosmith

13th: In loving memory of **Brenda Barnak** from John, Alison and Victoria

20th: In memory of our loving father, **Edward Lew**, from June, Aubrey and Betsy

Adult Forum: Led by Fr. Gaeta; meets every Sunday from 9:00am – 9:45 am in the Parish Hall.

Nursery: During the 10:00 am service – For any child age 4 and under. Located downstairs off the Parish Hall. Volunteers are needed to help out in the nursery from the start of the service to approximately the Peace. Signup sheet is on the nursery door. Any questions, please contact Kim Mars at 424-3266.

Newsletter articles:

may be e-mailed to me, or called in to me at 421-0763. All articles must list their source.



kathmark89@hotmail.com

The more news we can share, the better in touch we are!

Dates to Remember:

2/13/11: 6pm Meeting for all teens & their parents.

2/15/11: Bible Study at Barbara Cramer's begins & continues each Tuesday until Easter



2/19/11: Valentine's Day social 7pm-9pm

2/19/11: Pizza Party & SleepOver 7pm – Sunday morning

2/20/11: Time & Talents Fair during coffee hour

2/27/11: Informational meeting after church regarding our Parish Questionnaire & Pot Luck Luncheon

3/13/11: Bus trip to Carnegie Hall

WEIS Markets Register Tapes

Keep bringing in those Weiss register tapes.

The stores give us 1% of the receipts. It's a great little money maker!!



COFFEE HOUR

Every Sunday.....

Immediately following the 10am Eucharist.

Please join us for coffee and conversation.



Spend time with family & friends!

There is a sign-up sheet for host families to provide a light snack to go along with the beverages.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- (2) Jenny Collier
- (4) Nick Ullo
- (8) Aurora Figueras
- (9) Natori Tom Wing
- (11) Ralph Roth
- (12) Fred Duckloe
- (15) Ted Farver
- (15) Emily Miller
- (16) Rayland Decaires
- (16) Derrick McKay
- (17) Jolen Nortey
- (21) Russell House

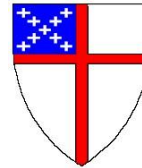


*****Please let us know if we have missed your Birthday. We'd love to add you to our list.*****



CHRIST CHURCH

*A welcoming,
compassionate
and
healing community.*



CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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**Inclement Weather - Please check
Channel 13 for cancellations.**

Christ Church Vestry

Cheryl Cloke; Senior Warden

Bob Nelson; Junior Warden

Frank Colletta, Jr.

Sharon Kessler

Andrea McQueen

Michael Shands

Ardelle Starnadori

June Sucre

Jennifer Sutherland

Stephen McQueen - Treasurer
(Not a vestry position)

