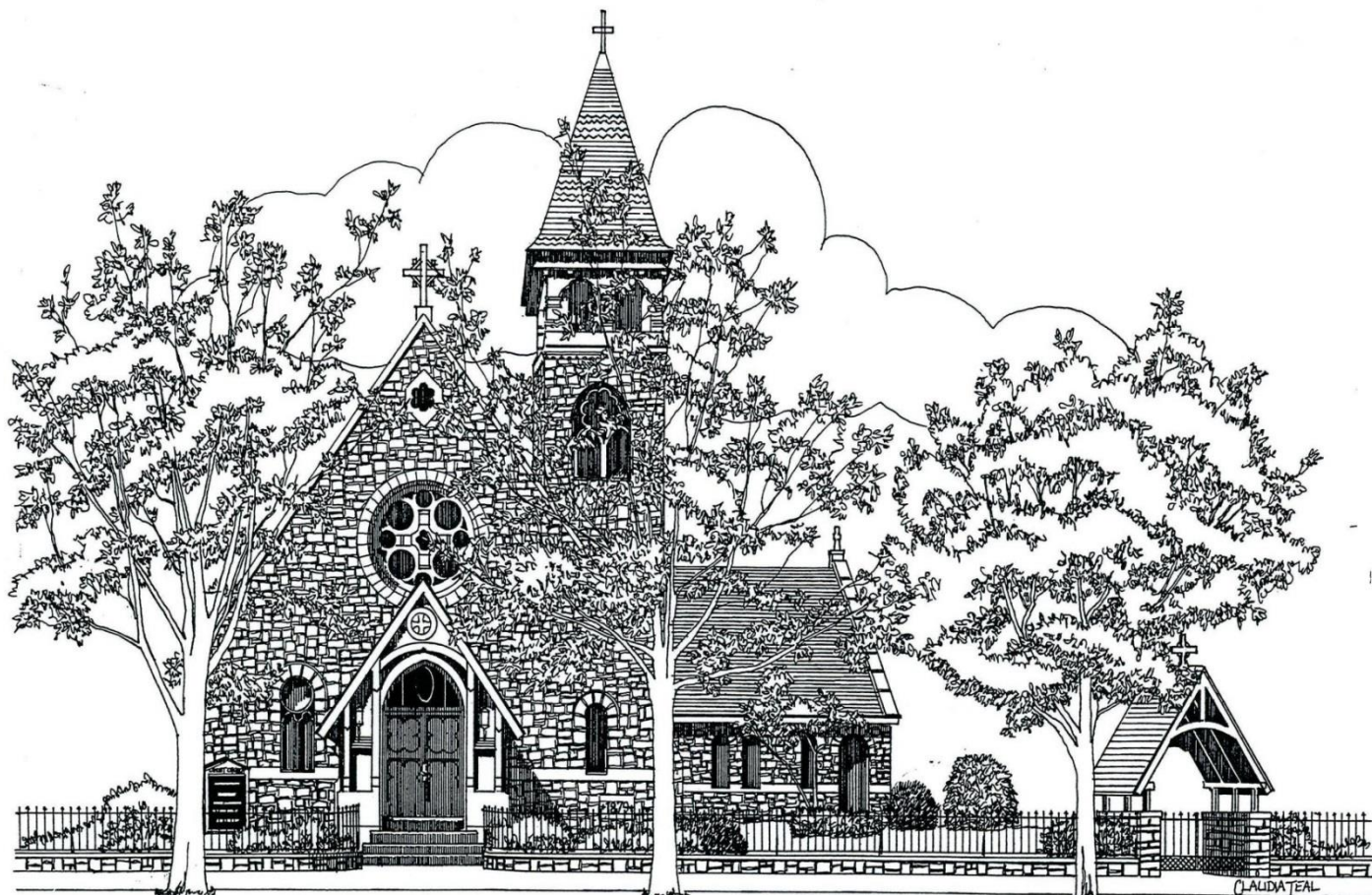


# CHRIST CHURCH PARISH

BORDENTOWN, NJ



## THE BLESSING OF THE FIRETRUCKS

10 SEPTEMBER 2022

# WELCOME TO CHRIST CHURCH

We extend a welcome to all visitors who are worshipping with us today. Christ Church is truly a beautiful edifice, erected and appointed to the Greater Glory of Almighty God. Herein you find all things in their proper place; everything focused toward the Altar, the center of our worship. The windows in the Nave depict some of the fathers of the early Church, both English and Latin. The Rood shows our Savior, robed as a Priest, with the right hand in Blessing. The Chapel forms a quiet restful spot where, before the Blessed Sacrament, one may kneel in supplication and reverence. We are proud of our worshipful Church and invite you to share its benefit. Come in, rest, pray apart from the world. Surely God is in His Holy Temple.

All who confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, have been baptized in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost, are repentant of their sins and believe the Blessed Sacrament to be the true Body and Blood of Christ are invited to receive the Sacrament of the Altar. We hope that you will enter fully into worship by joining in the prayers, responses and hymns. Because our worship may be unfamiliar to those not raised in the Episcopal Church, feel free to ask the assistance of those around you in following and participating in the liturgy. If you are in search of a church home, we invite you to join us in worship, fellowship and service. Please sign the guest register at the church entrance so we may have a record of your visit.

**Restrooms** are located in the Parish House, and are accessible through the double doors by the pulpit or by exiting through main doors and accessing the Parish House by way of the side office door.

**Pastoral Emergencies** such as sickness, hospitalization, or the death of a loved one should be directed to Fr. Matt at 732.859.5823. Father is happy to respond to your needs even if you are not a parishioner, so please do not hesitate to call.



## **The Five Traditional Precepts of the Church**

1. Attendance at Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation.
2. Confession of serious sin at least once a year.
3. Reception of the Blessed Sacrament at least once a year.
4. Observance of the days of fasting and abstinence.
5. Providing for the needs of the Church.

## **At Christ Church**

1. Share the joy and strength found in Christ with others.
2. Be present at the Mass unless prevented by travel, illness, or condition.
3. Support the Parish with time, talent, and treasure.
4. Find community in the mission and ministry of the Parish.
5. Show Christ in the world by being of service to others.

# THE BLESSING OF THE FIRETRUCKS

Vigil Mass w. Hymns

5:30pm

## VOLUNTARY

*The Congregation stands at the ringing of the Bell. The Congregation says the words found in **Bold**. Hymns can be found in the blue Hymnal 1940.*

## SALUTATION

*Celebrant*      ✠Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*Congregation*    **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

## COLLECT FOR PURITY & SUMMARY OF THE LAW

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

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

## KYRIE ELEISON

*Celebrant*      Lord, have mercy upon us.

*Congregation*    **Christ have mercy upon us.**

*Celebrant*      Lord, have mercy upon us.

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant*      The Lord be with you.

*Congregation*    **And with thy spirit.**

*Celebrant*      Let us pray.

**O** God, forasmuch as without thee we are not able to please thee, mercifully grant that thy Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## LESSON

*1 Timothy 1:12-17*

**T**he lesson from the First Letter of the Blessed Apostle Paul to Timothy.  
I thank him who has given me strength for this, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he judged me faithful by appointing me to his service, though I formerly blasphemed and persecuted and insulted him; but I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. And I am the foremost of sinners; but I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience for an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

*Lector*            The Word of the Lord.  
*Congregation*    **Thanks be to God.**

*The Congregation stands for the Hymn and the Holy Gospel.*

**HYMN 393**    *Faith of our fathers! living still (vs. 1&2)*

*Saint Catherine*

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

*S. Luke 15:1-10*

*Celebrant*        The Lord be with you.  
*Congregation*    **And with thy spirit.**  
*Celebrant*        ✠The continuation of the Holy Gospel according to Luke.  
*Congregation*    **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear him. And the Pharisees and the scribes murmured, saying, "This man receives sinners and eats with them." So he told them this parable: "What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness, and go after the one which is lost, until he finds it? And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep which was lost.' Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. "Or what woman, having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and seek diligently until she finds it? And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin which I had lost.' Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

*Celebrant*        The Gospel of the Lord.  
*Congregation*    **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

**SERMON**        Father Matthew Tucker

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church Militant here on Earth.

*The Congregation kneels for the Prayers.*

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

Blessed art thou, O Lord God of mercy, whose Son Jesus Christ laid down his life so that we may live; bless, keep, and preserve these thy servants who so generously devote themselves to helping others. Grant them courage when they are afraid, wisdom when they must make quick decisions, strength when they are weary, and compassion in all their work. When the alarm sounds and they are called to aid both friend and stranger, let them faithfully serve thee in their neighbor.

✠And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, especially the firefighters, EMS personnel, police and military personnel who have laid down their lives so that others may live, and those lost to us in the past year (*a moment of silence, followed by the ringing of bells*); beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of Blessed Mary Ever Virgin and of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

## THE PEACE

*Celebrant* The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

*Congregation* **And with thy spirit.**

*The Congregation may rise and greet one another in the Name of the Lord.*

**INTENTIONS OF THE MASS** *The Celebrant recognizes the dignitaries and then gives the Intentions:*

*Celebrant* Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord.

*People* **And let light perpetual shine upon them.**

*Celebrant* ✠May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace.

## OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*Adrian Batten (1591-1637)*

*O praise the Lord, all ye people; praise him all ye nations.*

*For his merciful kindness is ever more and more towards us; and the truth of the Lord endureth for ever and ever.*

Text: Psalm 117

*The Congregation rises for the Hymn until the Canon of the Mass.*

**HYMN 143** *God of our fathers (vs. 1&2)*

*National Hymn*

## SURSUM CORDA & PREFACE

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*Congregation* **And with thy spirit.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*Congregation* **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

*Congregation* **It is meet and right so to do.**

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:  
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.**

**Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.**

**✠Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

## CANON OF THE MASS

*The Congregation kneels for the Canon of the Mass.*

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption; who made there (by his one oblation of himself once offered) a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again:

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, THIS IS MY BODY, which is given for you; Do this in remembrance of me." ✠

Likewise, after supper, he took the Cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for THIS IS MY BLOOD of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins; Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me." ✠

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy Divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness, mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee, that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, & be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice; yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences through Jesus Christ our Lord; by whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

**AMEN.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*Celebrant* And now, as our Saviour Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say:  
Our Father,

*All* **Who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, & but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## **AGNUS DEI**

*Celebrant* O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

*Congregation* **have mercy upon us.**

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*Congregation* **have mercy upon us.**

*Celebrant* O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

*Congregation* **grant us thy peace.**

## **ECCE AGNUS DEI**

*Celebrant* Behold the Lamb of God: Behold he that taketh away the sins of the world.

*As soon as the Celebrant has finished distributing Holy Communion to the altar party and choir, the people of the Congregation should approach the altar rail.*

*All Christians baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost are welcome to receive the Body and Blood of our Lord. Others who instead wish to receive a blessing may also come and kneel at the altar rail. The Celebrant will know to bless those who bow their heads and cross their arms over their chest.*

*The custom for receiving Holy Communion in this parish is to receive the Host (Bread) on the outstretched right palm of the hand (supported underneath by the left palm) or directly on the tongue; to receive the Blood of Our Lord, gently guide the base of the chalice with your hand to allow the rim to reach your lips. If you wish to receive by intinction, please offer the Host to the Chalice Bearer, who will intinct for you. After receiving the Sacrament or a blessing, please return to your pew and kneel or sit.*

*The Congregation kneels for the Prayer through the Dismissal.*

## **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

*Celebrant* Let us pray. Almighty and everliving God,  
*All* we most heartily thank thee, for that thou dost vouchsafe to feed us who have duly received these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope of thy everlasting kingdom, by the merits of his most precious death and passion. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end.

## **THE BLESSING**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*Congregation* **And with thy spirit.**

*Celebrant* The peace of God which passeth all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of His Son Jesus Christ, and the blessing of God Almighty, ☩Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, be amongst you. and remain with you, forever.

*Congregation* **Amen.**

## **DISMISSAL**

*Celebrant* Depart in peace.

*Congregation* **Thanks be to God.**

## **VOLUNTARY**



At this time all may depart through the front doors of the church and gather at the steps and around the apparatus to hear from our dignitaries and for the prayers and blessing.

The people of Christ Church wish to thank all those who keep us, and all of Bordentown, safe and secure.

Our thanks also to the Businesses and Private Citizens who have been so generous in sponsoring the Blessing of the Firetrucks, as well as the dignitaries who have blessed us with their presence today.



## AT THE BLESSING OF THE FIRETRUCKS

*Celebrant* The fire's fury was tamed, and its overpowering heat quenched,  
*Congregation* **as thy beloved youths, Lord, were preserved unharmed.**

*Celebrant* Lord have mercy upon us.  
*Congregation* **Christ have mercy upon us.**  
*Celebrant* Lord have mercy upon us.

*Celebrant* Save thy servants.  
*Congregation* **Who trust in thee.**  
*Celebrant* Lord, send them aid from heaven.  
*Congregation* **And watch over them from Sion.**  
*Celebrant* Let the enemy have no power over them.  
*Congregation* **And the son of iniquity be powerless to harm them.**  
*Celebrant* Fire and heat, bless the Lord.  
*Congregation* **Praise and exalt Him above all forever.**  
*Celebrant* Who delivers us from the devouring flames.  
*Congregation* **And leads us out of the encircling fires.**  
*Celebrant* Let us praise the Lord, for He is good.  
*Congregation* **And His mercy endureth forever.**  
*Celebrant* Our help is in the name of the Lord.  
*Congregation* **Who hath made heaven and earth.**  
*Celebrant* Lord, hear my prayer.  
*Congregation* **And let my cry come unto thee.**  
*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*Congregation* **And with thy spirit.**

Let us pray.

*Celebrant* O God, stand by thy servants with thy most generous aid, so that whenever we are threatened by dreaded fire we may have the protection of these devices; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray.

*Celebrant* O God, the just and loving ruler of mankind, pour out thy blessing✠ on these engines, trucks, and ambulances; that whenever these tools are used with lively faith and fervent prayers against the ravages of fire, may they work to extinguish the roaring flames, so that no injury befalls the faithful who trust in thee, and no damage is done to their possessions. Thus may it come about that all who experience thy protection against the fright and dangers of fire will turn away from sin with all their heart, and, mindful of thy benefits, turn readily to thee; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## PRAYERS & DEDICATIONS

*The flowers that decorate the church this week are given to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving, by Dr. David Addis and family.*

*The Fritz-Weitzel Sacramental Candle in the Lady Chapel is given in loving memory of those who have died due to the attacks of 9/11/2001.*

### **REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

***the sick:*** Anthony Apicelli, Fran Sutter, Christine Nicosia, Douglas Tootell, Christine Fritz, Theresa Abitz, Robert Abitz, Waolt Fell, Ellen Murphy, Stephanie Ackert, Marc Mercantini, Harry Vale, James Tucker, Jacob Bonser, Patricia Dixon, Christiana Carty, Joseph Carson III, Darrell Vigh, Karen Kwietnieski-Casais, Earl Reading, Reagon Condron, Russell Childs, Lisa Jones, Patty MacAllister, Scott O'Brien, John Miosz, Mary Koch, Sava Nedic, Aimee Kurtis, Walter Easley, Frank Corbo, Josephine Corbo, Kathy Gabel, John Haney, Sharon Kedzierski, Marcus Behrsin, Sean Higgins, Kathy Buckland, Daryl Albury, Val Jackson, Bruce Smith, Sarah Talpis, Alexander Ounjian, Dennis Russell, Michele Hartpence, Renee Formica, Alexandra Mckallagat, and Isabelle Adams.

***and those who have long term illnesses:*** Donna Fritz, Carl Hasson, Stephen Vigh, Mark Casais, Dixon Leavers, Dawn Matthews, Lucy Janicelli, Zachary Birnbaum, Shelly Eberhart, Robert Geneski, Maureen Rees, Gary Rutherford, Charles Martin, Alice Ward Carriger, Ryan Murray, Justin McCafferty, Zachary McCafferty, Kelly Bergen, Hannah McNinch, The Rev. Ted Anderson, R. Loraine Burke, Mackenzie Sutter, Daniel Applegate, Jennifer Vigh, Jim Tranter, Jonathan Okeson, Mary Dallmann, Bob Bernard, Pat Temple, Danielle Morgan, Jai Autar, Emma Burris, Gloria Jones, Kelley Gilger, Emma Carver, Lori Forenson, Michael Chahanovich, Rita Haney, Sue Kelly, Sister Angela, Sister Gussie, Dee Watkins, Marge Lee, Michael Slaper, Robert Fritz, Lynn Muller, Holly Jones, Irene Fithian, Cheryl Kranz Bach, Brian Nguyen, Brianne Nicosia, Frank Clebock, Ron Clebock, Jennifer Millar, and Kelly Zsenak.

***and for those in military service:*** Ben Skarzynski, USMC; Chris Neal, USN; Jacob Foerter; USAFR; Samuel Manion, USA; Nickolas George USMC, Kevin Preston USAR

***celebrating a birthday this week:*** Wyatt Million, James & Janet Atkinson, Natasha Graver, Doan Tucker, Ivan Sopko, Janet Moscatiello, Madelyn Malone, Fiona Guyer, Jennifer Dalton, and Andrew T. Zalescik.

***celebrating an anniversary of their nuptials:*** Gary & Suzanne Wheelock and Mark & Wendy Goldstein.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

***9/11 REMEMBRANCE SERVICE:*** join us at the Bordentown 9/11 Memorial at Point Breeze at 12pm on September 11 for a brief service to honor those who died in, and those who responded to, the attacks of September 11, 2001.

***THE CHURCH SCHOOL YEAR*** will begin on **Sunday, September 25** with the Church School reconvening at the 8:00 a.m. Low Mass and Christian Education. **The Choir** will reconvene on **Sunday, September 25** at the 10:00 a.m. Sung Mass. **The regular mass schedule will resume the week of September 25.** Look to the bulletin, the Angelus, and the website for timely updates.

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A Parish of the Episcopal Church



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## Schedule for the Week of September 11

### Sunday, 11 September

*The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

8:00 a.m. Low Mass  
9:30 a.m. Sung Mass  
10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour  
12:00 p.m. 9/11 Remembrance Service  
*Held at Point Breeze*  
7:00 p.m. A.A. Meeting

### Monday, 12 September

*John Henry Hobart, Bishop of New York, 1830*  
*Church Office Closed*

### Tuesday, 13 September

*Cyprian, Bishop and Martyr of Carthage, 258*  
*Church Office Closed*  
7:30 p.m. Vestry Meeting

### Wednesday, 14 September

*The Exaltation of the Holy Cross*  
*Church Office Closed*  
6:00 p.m. A.A. Meeting

### Thursday, 15 September

*Seven Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary*  
*Church Office Closed*  
10:00 a.m. Low Mass w. Anointing

### Friday, 16 September

*Ninian, Bishop in Galloway, c. 430*  
*Church Office Closed*

### Saturday, 17 September

5:30 p.m. Vigil Mass

### Sunday, 18 September

*The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost*  
8:00 a.m. Low Mass  
8:45 a.m. HomeFront Meal Prep  
9:00 a.m. Confirmation Class Meeting  
9:30 a.m. Sung Mass  
10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour  
7:00 p.m. A.A. Meeting

