THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF NEWARK COMMISSION ON AGING

27TH ANNUAL DAVID P. HEGG II LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

The Seventh Sunday of Easter:
The Sunday after Ascension Day
June 1, 2025
3 p.m. – Reception
4 p.m. – Service

The Right Reverend Carlye J. Hughes

Eleventh Bishop of Newark

Church of the Saviour

155 Morris Avenue, Denville, NJ 07834

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Commission on Aging Diocese of Newark

Presents

THE DAVID PAUL HEGG II LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Award recipients are recognized for their many significant contributions of time and talent to church and community.

All who knew him held the Rev. David P. Hegg, II in the highest esteem. His commitment to matters of retirement, aging, and the role of seniors in the congregation made him the natural selection in 1991 to revitalize the Diocesan Commission on Aging. These awards are named in memory of the man who led the charge and had the vision that continues to inspire the Diocese of Newark's Commission on Aging.



The Reverend David P. Hegg, II was born in Buffalo, New York. In his 34 years as a parish minister, he served in the Dioceses of Rochester, Missouri, and Newark.

Following his rectorship at St. Peter's, Morristown from 1982 – 1996, he worked for the Church Pension Fund in New York City where he was senior vice president and director for Pastoral Care and Education. He traveled throughout the country working with Episcopal clergy on retirement planning.

He died unexpectedly of complications from heart surgery in January 2002 at the age of 64.



Commission on Aging Diocese of Newark

Who we are

The mission of the Commission on Aging is to help the diocese and its congregations establish ministries which both celebrate the involvement of aging members in congregational life and respond to the needs of aging members.

What we do

- Annual David P. Hegg II Lifetime Achievement Awards
- Convention Workshops
- Occasional Articles in the VOICE Online
- Presentations to regional ministry networks and congregations
- YouTube presentations available through the diocesan YouTube channel

What presentations can the Commission on Aging provide?

The possibilities for presentations are almost limitless. In the past we have given presentations on

- Dementia
- Final Expenses
- Home Safety
- Hospice

- Legacy Giving
- Medicare
- Transitioning
- Other topics

We are always open to suggestions from people in our diocese. Please contact us with questions, ideas or concerns. For more information, see dioceseofnewark.org/aging

RESOURCES FOR SENIORS IN NEW JERSEY

New Jersey offers a wide variety of benefits and resources for seniors. A user-friendly state resource for finding information on what is available in New Jersey is the **Aging and Disability Resource Connection (ADRC)** found at https://www.adrcnj.org/home. Their number is 877-222-3737.

Each county has an **Area Agency on Aging (AAA).** The name of the agency varies by county, but all provide information and access to services for seniors. A directory for the county agencies is found at https://www.adrcnj.org/contact-area-agencies-on-aging.

AN ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE EVENING

Prelude

Prayer for Light

All stand, as comfortably able.

Officiant Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Officiant

Jesus said, "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid.

No one lights a lamp to put it under a bucket, but on a lamp-stand where it gives light for everyone in the house. And you, like the lamp, must shed light among your fellow men, so that they may see the deed you do, and give glory to your Father in heaven."

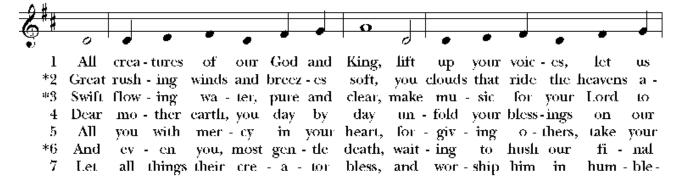
Matthew 5:14-16

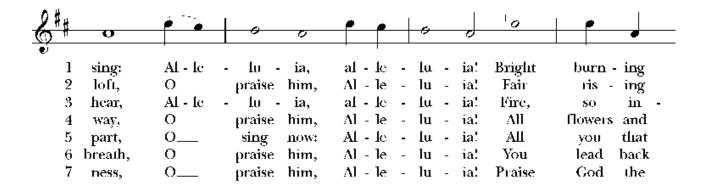
Officiant Let us pray.

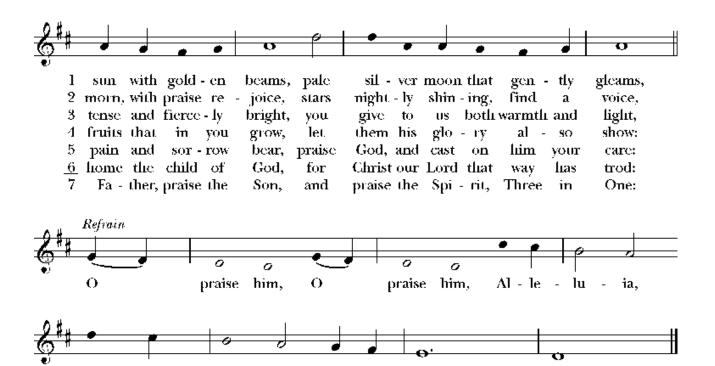
Grant us, Lord, the lamp of charity which never fails, that it may burn in us and shed its light on those around us, and that by its brightness we may have a vision of that holy City, where dwells the true and never-failing Light, Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

HYMN

Hymn 400, The Hymnal 1982







The refrain may be sung antiphonally, by phrase; all join in the final Alleluia.

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Words: Francis of Assisi (1182-1226); tr. William H. Draper (1855-1933), alt.

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Music: Lass tuns enfruen, melody from Auserlesene Catholische Geistliche Kirchengeseng, 1623; adapt. Ralph

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THE LESSONS

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PSALM 15 Domine, quis habitabit?

Said in unison by all, seated.

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- 1 Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle? * who may abide upon your holy hill?
- Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, * who speaks the truth from his heart.
- There is no guile upon his tongue; he does no evil to his friend; * he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.
- In his sight the wicked is rejected, * but he honors those who fear the Lord.
- 5 He has sworn to do no wrong * and does not take back his word.
- 6 He does not give his money in hope of gain, * nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.

7 Whoever does these things * shall never be overthrown.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: * as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

FIRST READING

Micah 6:1a, 6, 8 NRSVUE Ms. Elise Adams

Reader A reading from the Book of the Prophet Micah.

Hear what the Lord says: "With what shall I come before the Lord and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? He has told you, O mortal, what is good, and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God?"

with your God?"

Reader Here ends the Reading.

THE SONG OF MARY, Magnificat

Hymn S185, *The Hymnal 1982*Sung by Cantor

Antiphon

He that is mighty hath magnified me; and holy is his Name.

My soul doth magnify the Lord * and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.

For he hath regarded *

the lowliness of his handmaiden.

For behold from henceforth *

all generations shall call me blessed.

For he that is mighty hath magnified me * and holy is his Name.

And his mercy is on them that fear him * throughout all generations.

He hath shewed strength with his arm *

he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

He hath put down the mighty from their seat * and hath exalted the humble and meek.

He hath filled the hungry with good things * and the rich he hath sent empty away.

He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel, * as he promised to our forefathers

Abraham and his seed forever.

The Antiphon may be repeated

Glory to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; * as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The Antiphon may be repeated

Setting: Mode 8 antiphon; adapt. Bruce E. Ford (1947-2025).

Plainsong, Tone 8 (Solemn); adapt. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944), alt.

SECOND READING

Luke 9:1-6 NRSVUE Mr. Mark Harrison

Reader

A reading from the Gospel according to Luke.

Then Jesus called the twelve together and gave them power and authority over all demons and to cure diseases, and he sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal the sick. He said to them, "Take nothing for your journey: no staff, nor bag, nor bread, nor money—not even an extra tunic. Whatever house you enter, stay there, and leave from there. Wherever they do not welcome you, as you are leaving that town shake the dust off your feet as a testimony against them." So they departed and went through the villages, bringing the good news and curing diseases everywhere.

Reader

Here ends the Reading.

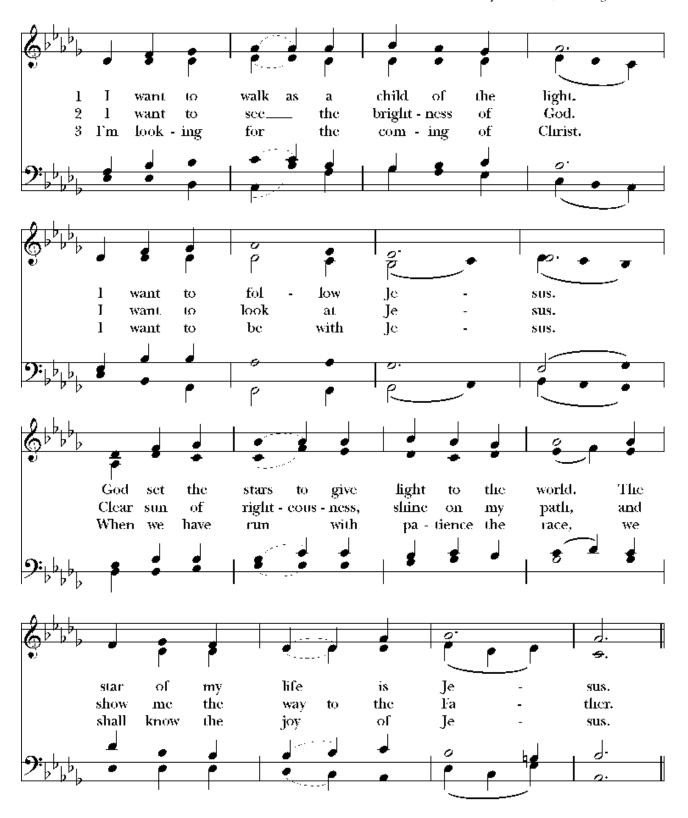
HOMILY

The Rt. Rev. Carlye J. Hughes Eleventh Bishop of Newark

PRESENTATION OF THE DAVID P. HEGG II LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Introduced by Mr. Scott Bennett, Chair, Commission on Aging

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Words: Kathleen Thomerson (1934-2025)

Music: Houston, Kathleen Thomerson (1934-2025)

THE PRAYERS

The people stand or kneel.

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Officiant Let us pray.

Officiant
and People

Our Father, 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.

COLLECT

For the Mission of the Church, BCP 816

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Everliving God, whose will it is that all should come to you through your Son Jesus Christ: Inspire our witness to him, that all may know the power of his forgiveness and the hope of his resurrection; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE OFFERTORY



Today's offering will be divided equally between Shepherd's Haven, a ministry of Christ Church, Pompton Lakes and The Senior Resource Center, a ministry of Church of the Messiah, Chester. Kindly visit e-giving.dioceseofnewark.org or draw checks to "The Diocese of Newark" and note Hegg Awards in the memo line. Mail to Diocese of Newark, PO Box 386, Livingston, NJ 07039-0386







Words: David Bjorlin, 2024 Music: Mark A. Miller, 2024

CONCLUDING COLLECT

Officiant

Almighty, everlasting God, let our prayer in your sight be as incense, the lifting up of our hands as the evening sacrifice. Give us grace to behold you, present in your Word and Sacraments, and to recognize you in the lives of those around us. Stir up in us the flame of that love which burned in the heart of your Son as he bore his passion, and let it burn in us to eternal life and to the ages of ages.

Amen.

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

The Bishop blesses the People, and all respond

People Amen.

Officiant Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

POSTLUDE

MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

Officiant The Rev. Jim Petroccione, Church of the Saviour, Denville

Homilist The Right Reverend Carlye J. Hughes, Eleventh Bishop of Newark

Lectors Ms. Elise Adams, Church of the Saviour, Denville

Mr. Mark Harrison, Church of the Saviour, Denville

Music Director Mr. Jared Badalamenti, Church of the Saviour, Denville

Cantor Ms. Marion Gayles

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Honoree Information

Richard Burgess - Trinity Episcopal Church, Allendale

Rich Burgess has served as Chair of Buildings and Grounds for Trinity Church for the past four years. However, his devotion and ministry to our parish has been clear to all for many years before that. Rich continually keeps a watchful eye on our buildings and grounds, always making sure that things are in their best condition and always seeking ways to improve our spaces and make our parishioners and visitors feel welcomed. Throughout the years he has overseen a number of major improvement projects, including the recent updating of our sanctuary pews. He has also been an indispensable support to our rector and his family, making sure that the rectory is always in tip top shape. Trinity Church is proud to recognize one of our most faithful parishioners with this lifetime achievement award.

Ellen Bomser - St. John's Church in Boonton

Ellen Bomser has been an outstanding asset to St. John's Church for many years. Her ministries are extensive and go beyond what is mentioned here. She is our Treasurer, is currently on the Altar Guild, serves in administration, is a member of the choir, assigns lectors and serves in many more dedicated ministries. She is an outstanding parishioner and all of us at St. John's know that she definitely is due the honor of receiving the Hegg Award.

Elizabeth Holler - St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Chatham

Liz has been a member here for over 50 years. She shares so many gifts with St. Paul's. Her ministry gifts include 50 years on Altar Guild, Lector, Chair/Head volunteer of coffee hour ministry, Chatham Interfaith Council representative, Family Promise volunteer, Senior Citizen ministries volunteer, special events volunteer for decades and head of our yearly Easter Egg hunt. Liz is a blessing to our parish. She shares her gifts quietly and with love.

Chris Johnson - St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Chatham

Chris is a long-time parishioner and has served this parish actively since he arrived. His ministry gifts to St. Paul's include Sunday School teacher, money counter, flower arranger, Eucharistic Minister, lay reader, tenor in the choir, multiple term Vestry member, head of Buildings and Grounds (painter, carpenter, gardener). Chris has been part of two search committees, host/lead cook and organizer for the yearly Shrove Tuesday pancake suppers, been an overnight host for Family Promise as well as the liaison for St. Paul's. Everything he does is done with kindness and love. He is a blessing to this parish!

Christine Brodeur - Church of the Messiah, Chester

Christine has been an active Episcopalian for over 70 years. She has been an Associate of the Community of St. John Baptist for over 50 years. She has served on multiple church vestries, Diocesan Altar Guild, and a board member for the House of the Good Shepherd. She has served as a Diocesan Convention delegate and completed EfM. She was an active District One representative, including being the scribe. She has been affiliated with St. James' Hackettstown, Christ Church, Budd Lake, and is currently a part of Church of the Messiah in Chester.

Sue Underwood - Church of the Messiah, Chester

Sue has been a member of Church of the Messiah since 1984. She has been a part of the choir, altar guild, and a lay reader throughout her time at Messiah. Over the years she has been an active member of Helping Hands (member care), our prayer chain, a founding member of the bell choir, and launched Dinner with Friends. She has been a Vestry member, Eucharistic Visitor, Diocesan Convention delegate, and a member of the Social Justice team. As a master gardener, she has designed and installed two native plant gardens at Messiah.

Robert and Alice Birney - Church of The Saviour, Denville

Bob and Alice are longstanding members of the Church of the Saviour. Their years of dedicated service and generosity of time and talent have touched the lives of many. Both Bob and Alice have been active participants in many parish ministries, outreach projects, fundraisers and other church events. These have included Vestry, St. Martha's Guild, Buildings and Grounds, Coffee Hour, Lay Eucharistic Ministry, fundraising and event planning, just to name a few. The church has been continually blessed by the gifts of Bob and Alice.

Andy and Marie Cavaliere - Church of The Saviour, Denville

Andy and Marie Cavaliere are beloved, longstanding members of the Church of the Saviour. They have blessed this church family throughout the years with their many gifts, talents, and their sense of community. Both Andy and Marie have served and continue to serve the parish through its diverse ministries and outreach programs. Marie is currently a church Warden, involved on the Finance Committee and the Chair of the New Memorial Garden and Columbarium. Andy is a Lay Reader, Chalice Bearer, Crucifer and actively involved as a Eucharistic Minister who takes communion to the sick and the homebound as part of the Pastoral Care Team. We are blessed by their humor, their initiative and their love of Christ that they so generously share with all those around.

Elizabeth (Betty) Gaillard - Church of The Saviour, Denville

Betty is a true servant of the Lord, generous in both time and talent. Betty serves on the Vestry and is a Lay Eucharistic Minister offering communion and prayer to the homebound and the sick. While she is involved in many of our parish ministries and outreach projects, her greatest gift is that of hospitality and her ability to genuinely welcome all newcomers in her special way.

Fran Ferrara - St. John's Church/La Iglesia de San Juan, Dover

Fran has been a member of St. John's for over forty-six years. She has served as Vestry Member and Senior Warden and currently serves as People's Warden. Fran is a faithful member of our community showing her love for all by participating in activities in support of justice causes. Fran is welcoming to newcomers. Fran's leadership is centered on her faith in our Lord Jesus Christ and in her constant seeking of living according to the Gospel, making the Kingdom of God available to everyone in the here and now. Fran is well deserving of this award.

Steve Kaifa - St. John's Church/La Iglesia de San Juan, Dover

For the last thirteen years Steve has been a faithful and steady presence at St. John's. Steve actively participates in our worship life and in many events we hold. He has served as Vestry member, Vestry clerk and secretary of our annual meetings. Steve brings a deep insight centered around his life of faith, love for God, our Lord Jesus Christ, and our neighbors. He can always be counted on to provide provocative comments about Holy Scripture, homilies, and our common life here at St. John's.

Yvonne Ashby - St. Agnes & St. Paul's Church, East Orange

Yvonne Ashby has been a faithful member of St. Agnes and St. Paul's for over 20 years. Most notably she has served in both Senior and Warden positions. Currently Yvonne serves as the head of our Greeters Guild. This guild plays a vital role in our church by welcoming visitors and members, fostering a sense of community, and ensuring that everyone feels comfortable and included. Her leadership in this position highlights her ability to organize, motivate, and inspire others.

Kathleen Robinson - St. Agnes & St. Paul's Church, East Orange

Having been an integral part of St. Agnes and St. Paul's Church for 18 years, Kathleen's dedication and service has enriched the community in countless ways. From the responsible oversight of finances as Treasurer a few years back, to the meticulous work of now steering the Counters Guild, her contributions have been foundational. This long-standing commitment underscores a profound connection to our Church and its mission.

Carmen Frederick - St. Paul's Church in Englewood

Together with her sister, Yvonne E. Inniss, Carmen Frederick exemplifies what it means to be a faithful steward. Carmen gives generously of her time, talent, and treasure and is the first to raise her hand when called upon to support a new event or fundraiser at St. Paul's. She is a stalwart parishioner of the 10:30 am Sunday service - always dressed impeccably and greeting our young ushers with a smile.

Yvonne E. Inniss - St. Paul's Church in Englewood

Yvonne E. Inniss, along with her sister Carmen Frederick, has been a loyal parishioner of St. Paul's Church in Englewood for over 30 years. A wonderful cook, Yvonne regularly contributes home-cooked meals for the Hoboken Shelter Ministry. More recently, she surprised the congregation with her beautiful singing abilities by joining along in St. Paul's Sunday Old-Timey Hymn Sing-along. Yvonne is a faithful steward and her generosity and love of God is an inspiration to all who know her.

Solomon Kyung Bin Yim - Church of the Good Shepherd, Fort Lee

Solomon is a kind, generous person who always has a smile and a good word to say. He has been with Good Shepherd for over ten years. Our former Priest-in-Charge, the late Robert Shearer, appointed Solomon as Warden for our Korean-speaking congregation. We quickly realized what a valuable asset he was and made him Co-Warden of the entire congregation. Solomon is always ready to pitch in and help Good Shepherd in any way he can. He recommended the roofing company and pavers for our parking lot, and they did a tremendous job on both. He brought us our Korean priest Francis Choi, who is in the process of becoming a Diocesan priest. We now have a well attended 11am Korean service because of Solomon. We are very fortunate to have him as a part of our Good Shepherd family.

Kristan Louis - All Saints' Episcopal Church, Glen Rock

Kristan Louis joined our diocese in 1970 as spouse to the Rev. Richard Louis. In 55 years, Kristan has been an active, engaged parishioner at Christ Church, Hackensack, St. Mark's, Teaneck, St. John's, Ramsey, Christ Church, and St. Elizabeth's, Ridgewood. She is currently a member of All Saints', Glen Rock, serving on the Vestry. Kristan has been a member of Ruach, the Commission for the Whole Ministry advocating for women's ordination, the Diocesan Bioethics Committee studying right-to-die and hospice issues, the Commission on Sexuality advocating for the LBGTQ+community, ACTS/VIM, and the Interreligious Fellowship for the Homeless. Kristan traveled with Christ Church, Ridgewood to Cuba for a choral competition bringing humanitarian supplies to the host nation. She has served as a representative to Diocesan Convention for St. John's, Ramsey and All Saints', Glen Rock. Kristan has supported ordained clergy as a Discernment Committee member and as a member of the Commission on Ministry.

Barbara Olesen - St. James' Episcopal Church, Hackettstown

This honoree has been a distinguished member of the St. James, Hackettstown community for twenty-five years. In that period, she has served as Lay Eucharistic Minister, visiting the infirm and shut in; run the St. James Prayer Ministry; served as Vestry member and Vestry clerk; participated in ministry for the deaf; was a graduate of the Education for Ministry regimen. She is editor and publisher of the monthly *St. James Journal* and continues to serve as an usher and counter. This nominee, at all times, brings a deep reservoir of knowledge, and infectious, but reverential enthusiasm to the traditions of the Episcopal Church, and is most deserving of this singular honor.

Sharon Abbood - St. Clement's Episcopal Church, Hawthorne

Sharon Abbood volunteers in the community with the Hawthorne Fire Department, the Ladies Auxiliary, the Domestic Violence Response Team, and the Volunteer Railroad Association, to name a few. Her personal accomplishments include winning multiple awards at the NJ State Fair for her homemade jams and jellies. Past awards include Senator Girgenti's Volunteer of the Year, Runner-up of Russ Berrie's Make a Difference Award, and honorary Silver Life Member of the NJ State PBA. Sharon currently serves on St. Clement's Vestry where she focuses on fundraising and community outreach.

John (Jack) and Patricia Heidenry - All Saints' Episcopal Parish, Hoboken

Jack and Pat Heidenry have been faithful members of All Saints for many years and have served in a variety of capacities. Gifted writers and free-thinkers, they became "almost-famous" when their daughter Margaret wrote a long form essay about them in 2011, published in the *New York Times Magazine*, "My Parents Were Home Schooling Anarchists." Now in their 80s, it is always a delight to see them when the weather is nice and they can walk the eight blocks to the church on Sunday mornings.

Norrice Raymaker - All Saints' Episcopal Parish, Hoboken

Norrice tells the story of walking by All Saints one day in 2007, hearing the fantastic choir, and never leaving. She has sung soprano in the choir ever since! A compassionate animal-rescue advocate, she organized a rescue event during a St. Francis Day Blessing of the Animals. She is also a talented gardener, helping tend the gardens at All Saints and making sure that leftover Easter and Christmas flowers make their way to someone's home or garden.

Peggy Kievit - St. Bartholomew's Church, Ho-Ho-Kus

Peggy can claim that she's been a long-time parishioner of St. Bartholomew's - literally. Her attendance began back in childhood when she attended St. Bartholomew's Sunday School. Peggy's presence in a Sunday School classroom came full circle when in 1983, bringing her young daughter to church to attend Sunday School, she was asked "How do you want to help?" Since that day in 1983, Peggy was the force behind our Sunday School teaching for more than 20 years. After taking a break from teaching, she has recently begun to assist with organizing the curriculum we are now using for our new Sunday School attendees. Peggy has also been instrumental with all forms of evangelism for many years, including our Outreach Food Drives, and the "Good News Team" that assists those in need of a prayer or blessing after our Sunday services in our Narthex. Peggy has been a Vestry member since 2021, and a Trustee to our Memorial Garden.

Judy Malhotra - St. Bartholomew's Church, Ho-Ho-Kus

Judy is a long-time parishioner of St Bartholomew's Church. God has gifted her with artistic insight and vision, which she has gladly shared in our church with her beautiful posters, signs, and seating area in our pollinator garden. Her artwork in our community garden and many other artistic installations adds to the beauty in and around our church campus. She also volunteers her time on Saturdays to teach art classes in Oasis, Paterson, NJ (a charitable organization that focuses on the needs of women and children). She is a dedicated member of our Vestry team for the past 9 years, as well as co-chairing the Altar Guild team. Judy loves gardening and has been very instrumental in the establishment and development of our community garden and is an active member of outreach and discernment teams. She always shines her light of faith with a beautiful smile and a kind word. We are blessed to have her as a member of our church.

Elaine Norcross - Episcopal Church of St. Luke & St. Mary, Hope/Belvidere

Elaine has had many different roles and responsibilities throughout the years, including Sunday School Teacher, Usher and Vestry Member. She has also been a member of various committees including the Finance Committee, Audit Committee and several search committees. She has participated in the Annual Cookie Walk in December since it began in 2008. Currently she is the volunteer Financial Administrator for Haven of Hope for Kids. Elaine and her husband John joined St. Luke's Episcopal Church (now the Episcopal Church of St. Luke and St. Mary) in Hope, NJ in 1997. Elaine is an always willing, respected, and important member of our church.

The Rev. Deacon Annie Pike - Episcopal Church of St. Luke & St. Mary, Hope/Belvidere Annie joined St. Mary's Episcopal Church in 2001, quickly becoming active in parish life. She served in various leadership roles before discerning a call to the diaconate after completing the Education for Ministry program and becoming a mentor. Annie was ordained in 2024 as a vocational Deacon. Now serving at St. Luke's in Phillipsburg and St. Luke & St. Mary's, Hope/Belvidere, she finds joy in ministry, writing, preaching, and enriching worship with music. Her ministry is grounded in service, connection, and sharing God's love.

Roderick Cummings - The Church of St. Paul and Incarnation, Jersey City

A faithful presence at Church, Roderick is a model of love and commitment. A devoted husband and father, his children have grown through attendance and acolyte to becoming counselors for Church summer day camps. Roderick always takes opportunities to serve within the scope of his gifts, ushering, arranging furniture moving, setting up bus trips, becoming a member of the Men's Group, assisting the Cooking Class in preparing Mother's Day breakfast, serving on the Vestry, and getting others involved--quietly getting things done. An integral member of our church community, Roderick is part of what knits us together.

Belinda Stokes - The Church of St. Paul and Incarnation, Jersey City

Introduced to St. Paul's church at 6 years old by a 1st grade teacher, Belinda has become a lifelong member with impressive dedication to St. Paul and Incarnation. She has been involved in: Altar Guild (and Directress), Christian Neighborhood Summer Program (Counselor), and Youth Group Leader. She has coordinated hosting Family Promise of Hudson County at St. Paul's, served as Treasurer and Board Member of Family Promise of Hudson County. She also served as Junior Warden, Warden, and Vestry member, Episcopal Jersey City Board Member, Triangle Park Community Center Advisory Committee, Commission for Justice and Peace Member, Convener Absalom Jones Regional Ministry, Acolyte (as one of the first girls as an acolyte in the diocese), Usher, Lector, Convention Delegate, Tuesday's Ladies of Grace, small faith group, Strategic Visioning Committee and Jersey City Together.

Kate Clark - All Saints Episcopal Church in Leonia

A long-time member of All Saints, Kate Clark - together with her daughter, Victoria - were active in Sunday School, parish activities such as trips to the ballpark, and the annual Mother-Daughter Tea fundraiser for North Porch. As a Vestry member, Kate has been helpful in guiding the parish through the difficult years of the COVID Pandemic and subsequent recovery. Kate is active with Altar Guild and Parish Life Committee and has been instrumental in preserving and organizing All Saints' archives. Quiet and dependable, All Saints is pleased to recognize Kate's steady contribution by honoring her with a Hegg Award.

Sally Sposato - All Saints Episcopal Church in Leonia

Sally Sposato and her husband, John, moved to Leonia in 1994, found All Saints, and the rest is history. Sally and John have been dedicated members of All Saints leadership for many years. Sally has served as Warden, Vestry member, Finance Committee Chair, spearheaded numerous Fundraising Committee events such as "A Fair in the Fall" and the Pasta ThrowDown, as well as regularly reading the lessons on Sundays. Currently a member of the Vestry and the Chair of the Finance Committee, Sally brings her professional financial experience to the Church. The Sposatos host the much-anticipated annual Summer BBQ and Service.

Marilyn Musielski - Grace Church, Madison

Marilyn joined Grace Church in 2001 and has been essential to our parish community ever since. A faithful choir member, she also serves at the altar leading prayers and reading scripture. She has served twice on Vestry, bringing wisdom and thoughtful questions, modeling servant leadership. Marilyn is responsive to community needs, helping in ways large and small. Her stewardship leadership during the pandemic was particularly inspiring. With a heart for the vulnerable, she is directly involved in welcoming a refugee family to our town, ensuring they feel safe and nurtured. Marilyn also strengthens our Diocesan connections by participating in events and fostering relationships with our broader church community. With pride and gladness, we celebrate her as this year's recipient of the Hegg Award!

Page Bigelow - St. George's Church, Maplewood

Page Bigelow has been a bedrock at St. George's for over 70 years. As a child, she sang in the Girl's Choir (perfect attendance for 7 years), attended Sunday School, and was confirmed. She taught Sunday School for three generations, directed Christmas pageants, served on a rector search committee and engaged the wider community by organizing art auctions, re-imagining the annual Merry Marketplace, co-leading the Outreach ministry for over a decade. Page continues to support the church through grant writing, ushering, and Sages of All Ages ministries. Her exemplary and long-standing service demonstrates her deep commitment to our parish community and beyond.

Ulysses Dietz - St. George's Episcopal Church, Maplewood

Ulysses Dietz joined St. George's in 1986. A former Warden, he's been an Altar Guild member for 30 years, leading it for 20. While honoring cherished rituals, he is also open to change. His love of sacred items related to the Altar Guild is an extension of his professional work as Decorative Arts Curator at the Newark Museum. Ulysses enjoys active participation in the Mass, serving as a Lay Reader and Chalicer. Ulysses lives in Maplewood with his husband Gary, where they raised their children, Alexander and Grace, both baptized at St. George's.

Beth Dell - St. Martin's Episcopal Church, Maywood

Without Beth's boundless energy, welcoming personality, and ability to plan and bring to fruition special events, St. Martin's would not remain the warm, welcoming church home that it is to our loyal parishioners. Beth is a positive force and she is constantly looking for ways to improve our parish life. We are blessed to worship with her.

Don Martin - St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Mendham

Don is a long-standing member of St. Mark's and serves on the Vestry. He is the only usher and rarely misses a Sunday. Don took over responsibility for our coffee hour post-COVID. He makes the coffee, provides absolutely delicious homemade pastries and then cleans up the kitchen afterwards. It is impossible to overstate the positive impact Don's contribution to coffee hour has been on parish life. Parishioners now linger for coffee and the result is a renewed sense of togetherness and vitality that was so very much needed after the pandemic. Don has been the catalyst for this and his hard work and dedication deserve recognition.

Frances Young - St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Millburn

Fran Young has been a member of St. Stephen's for 38 years. She has been part of our choir, taught Church School for eight years, has been a member of our Preschool Committee, and served on the 2008 search committee to find a new Preschool Principal. Fran has served as a delegate to Convention in the past and will be a delegate this year at Convention. She has been a Lector for many years and continues this ministry even though she lives in Pennsylvania and travels to Millburn to do so! Fran has been a devoted, loyal parishioner of St. Stephen's Church, and we are so grateful for her many years of service and friendship.

Tim and Barbara Erday - All Saints' Church, Millington

Tim & Barbara Erday have served on Vestry, taught Sunday School, served on the Rector's search committee, head of the ushers, and offered generous hospitality to the parish for more than fifty years.

Roger & Helen Mederos - All Saints' Church, Millington

Roger & Helen Mederos have served on the Vestry, on Buildings & Grounds projects, and have taught Sunday School. They have assisted with Sunday School music and with Junior Choir, have been integral to the work of the Rummage Sale, ushered, delivered altar flowers to those with pastoral needs, volunteered in the office, and quietly filled in the cracks of parish life since they were married at All Saints'.

Russell Gallo - St. John's Church, Montclair

Russ Gallo has become one of our most dedicated parishioners, most notably by lending his lifelong contracting talents to many Property Committee projects. Some of these projects include the parish hall roof replacement, church storm window installation, major and minor rectory repairs, and countless fall and spring "Parish Work Days." Most recently, Russ completely renovated the Sacristy, gutting and redesigning it into a more functional, peaceful space for our Altar Guild to prepare for Sunday services. He also regularly hosts Coffee Hour and has even played St. Nicholas at our annual December family service celebrating his feast day!

Godfrey Gregg - St. Luke's Church, Montclair

For the last 15 years, St. Luke's has been blessed with Godfrey's incredible dedication, commitment to excellence, and leadership. Godfrey was our first "Warger," serving as Warden and Head Verger for the last four years. As a trained therapist, he has offered his skills to the Diocesan Commission on Ministry. Godfrey's instructive leadership raised up a new generation of acolytes. His calm, loving presence was a gift to the parish while the Rector was in crisis. Beyond anything, what sets Godfrey apart is his unmatched love for the church - the buildings and the people. His presence makes us all better.

Ellen Shapiro - St. Paul's Church, Morris Plains

Ellen's Episcopal Church life began at St. Thomas Church in Vernon, NJ, where she met the Reverend Stephen Steele, who talked the talk and walked the walk. It was there that she felt God's presence more than ever. Since moving to Morris County and joining St. Paul's Church, Ellen was blessed to feel the call to initiate a Bike Ministry to gift gently used bikes to JBWS and the Market Street Mission in Morristown. In her words, "affording young people the opportunity to own a bike while their home life has been disrupted and/or adults the opportunity to get to work feeds my soul." Ellen also happily teaches Sunday school to youngsters ages 3-8, allowing her to use her teaching skills again and help bring young families into St. Paul's. And, knowing that most churchgoers (parishioners and visitors, alike) skew in the older age group, Ellen suggested St. Paul's have a defibrillator for emergency situations. By way of a generous donation, one was purchased.

Carol Lindskog - St. Peter's Church, Morristown

Carol Lindskog has been part of the St Peter's community since she was a young girl. Her father was on the Vestry and led Buildings and Grounds for many years. Carol was in the girls' choir, was married in St. Peter's and has been on many ministries. She now leads the Altar Guild and is active in the Liturgy Ministry as a Lector and Intercessor. She is a true and faithful servant of the Cross. Congratulations Carol!

Robert & Phyllis Mitchell - St. Peter's Church, Morristown

Robert and Phyllis Mitchell have been faithful and dedicated members of St. Peter's church for over 60 years. They have served in just about every ministry available at the church. In fact, Robert has a long history with the rectors of St Peter's, including being received as a youth by Rev. Trowbridge, confirmed by Hughes Garvin and reconfirmed by Bishop Spong. Both he and Phyllis served as Crucifer for David Hegg. They have continued to serve all rectors at the church and today are active on the Altar Guild. Congratulations to them!

Dr. Gwyneth Munn and Michael Taormina - St. Peter's Church, Morristown

Gwyneth Munn, PhD. and her husband Michael Taormina joined St. Peter's in 1990 through the leadership and compassion of David Hegg. Active members who participated as Vestry members, with Gwyneth serving as Junior and Senior Warden, they raised two children in the boys' and girls' choirs while supporting the youth and after school programs. Pivotal to keeping the services running, their leadership in ushering, lectoring, and scheduling kept services running smoothly behind the scenes. Their direct involvement in fundraising projects helped St. Peter's build a school in South India while Gwyneth served as a board member of the Di Devoe Foundation.

Alyson Pearl - St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Mountain Lakes

Alyson Pearl has been a member of St. Peter's since 1989. For 35 years she has served on the Altar Guild and as Director from 2001 to 2010. Alyson served on the Wedding & Funeral Committees, the ECW Annual Christmas Bazaar, the Action Auction Committee, Vestry, the Search Committee that recommended the Revs. Hatfield and on Rev. George Dredden's Discernment Committee. Alyson currently serves as a Eucharistic Minister, Lay Reader, Godly Play Storyteller and a leader with our Jr. Youth Group middle schoolers. Since coming out of pandemic in 2022, Alyson has done a wonderful service in reviving our acolyte ministry as the Junior and Senior Acolyte Coordinator. In this role she coordinates the scheduling of the acolytes (no mean feat), trains them, takes care of their vestments, prays with them before the service, and demonstrates genuine love for each one of them and the liturgy. Alyson is a deserving recipient of the Hegg Award, and we thank her for all she does for St. Peter's.

Patricia Mueller - St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Mt. Arlington

Patricia Mueller has been a member of St. Peter's since 2001. She has been a Sunday School teacher and is presently Chair of the Altar Guild, Senior Warden, and a lector for the Lay Ministry of the church. As Sunday School teacher her students created the Stations of the Cross as ceramic plates on display in church. She is very active in the various ministries run at St. Peter's as well as reaching out to the Lake Hopatcong community. Ms. Mueller has volunteered as a representative to the Annual Convention and attends Diocese online meetings. She is a friendly and welcoming person who is always ready to help

Marilyn Greaves - Trinity & St. Philip's Cathedral, Newark

Marilyn has been a member of Trinity & St Philip's Cathedral since 1983. She has served faithfully on the Altar Guild since the mid 90's. Since 2017, Marilyn also serves as a Eucharistic Minister, and was a member of St. Ann's Guild. Marilyn is a mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, and loves to go on cruises.

Carol Jenkins - Trinity & St. Philip's Cathedral, Newark

Carol Jenkins has been a member of Trinity & St Philip's for almost 50 years, since the time of Dean Dillard Robinson. Carol has served faithfully as a Lector and Eucharistic Minister since 2014, and on the Altar Guild since 2022. She was also a member of St. Ann's Guild. Carol is the mother of a son, a grandmother, and loves cruises.

Beth Batastini - Christ Church, Newton

Beth has always been an active member of Christ Church. In 2014 Beth brought a new program to us. The Faith Community Health Program, and its leader, our Community Health Nurse Beth Batastini, have made a huge difference in the lives of so many of our parishioners. No task is too small or large for Beth. Arranging for rides to doctor's offices or physical therapy, scheduling meals, attending doctor's appointments, and visiting people in the hospital are some of the many ways Beth is there to help. Beth's work for the past 14 years has been an invaluable service to Christ Church.

Merritt Ierley - Christ Church, Newton

Merritt Ierley serves as Historian and Archivist at Christ Church in Newton, the second oldest parish in our Diocese. Merritt maintains the extensive parish archives (which include the original parish charter signed by King George III), helping connect current membership to the stories of our past. Merritt has composed service music settings and choir anthems which are used at Christ Church. A gifted writer, Merritt's book *The Broken Staff* tells the "improbable" story of Christ Church's first Rector, Uzal Ogden (1744-1822).

Joanne Scalpello - Church of the Holy Communion, Norwood

Joanne has gone above and beyond to keep our church thriving. As we have no pastor, she has taken on the responsibility of running every aspect of the church. She has located a lovely family to rent the rectory and maintains a good relationship with the congregation that shares our sanctuary, for which they pay rent. Joanne also runs our food pantry, which she has grown substantially, now feeding at least 140 families. She has been reaching out to the community and developing ministries with various groups. We have begun a prayer blanket ministry in which different outside groups are knitting lap blankets for those who are ill.

Janet Haynes - Church of the Epiphany and Christ Church, Orange

Janet is in charge of the greeters at our church and has also taken up the role of co-chair of the Hospitality Committee. She is very dedicated and committed to the responsibilities that comes with these positions. It has been a pleasure to work with her as she makes sure that our sick and shut-in members are lifted up in our weekly prayers.

Robert (Bob) Simmons - Church of the Epiphany and Christ Church, Orange

Bob has been an important person on our Property Committee. He has made himself available for many of the repairs done at our church and has made excellent recommendations of vendors. He is committed to our property improvements of both the church and the rectory.

Lystra Huntley - St. John's Church in Passaic

For decades, Lystra Huntley has been an important part of Saint John's Church in Passaic. As a dedicated volunteer, she has selflessly given time, energy, and love to serve others. Lystra has helped in organizing parish fellowship events such as the annual picnics, Christmas parties, fish dinners and countless others. For many years she has volunteered as a member of the Thrift Shop, which both supports the parish financially and upholds the dignity of persons who are able to purchase clothing and household goods at a price which is much reduced from mainstream retailers. Currently she also serves as a Churchwarden. In the broader Passaic community, she represents Saint John's in the Mayor's Ministerial Council, a link between the city's religious and civic organizations. We honor Lystra's extraordinary dedication, grateful for the grace and strength she has shared with us all.

Melissa Jo "Lisa" Smith (Posthumous) - St. Paul's Church, Paterson

Lisa Smith came to St. Paul's as a guest of the then Music Director, now the Rev. Michael Delaney. In the 35 plus years at St. Paul's, Lisa has served on the Vestry and as a Warden. Lisa was involved in Parish Outreach Ministries, Bible Study and Adult Education as well as serving as a member of the Building and Grounds Committee. Lisa served as a Liturgical Assistant, Layreader and Chalice Bearer. She was elected to the Diocesan Council in November. Deacon Erik was always pleased to give her the pulpit on any Sunday and presented her with a Blue Preacher's Tippett for her eloquent and life-giving preaching. Lisa was an advocate for Abused Victims and was a founding member of NJ CASA. She was recently memorialized at Rutgers University with a tribute from her colleagues and students. The Office for Violence Prevention and Victims Assistance Annual Awards are now known as The Lisa Legen Smith Awards. She is gone but never forgotten.

Milsey R. Katz - St. Paul's Church, Paterson

Milsey Katz has been a member of St. Paul's Paterson for 35 years. Raised a Roman Catholic, Milsey's faith journey started as a young child and has been the foundation of her life. She came to St. Paul's at the invitation of her goddaughter and began singing in the choir which she loves. She is a mainstay of our Souper Café monthly neighborhood lunch, organizing food and volunteers to help those in need. She is always willing to lend a helping hand. In her words, St. Paul's is her family and it is right where it needs to be.

Susan Brooks - St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Phillipsburg

Susan has been a member of St. Luke's since her family moved to Phillipsburg when she was a child. She was a member of the children's choir and now sings with our adult choir. She is an active member of the Altar Guild and has served as the treasurer, flower coordinator, and continues to help preparing the Altar for worship. She is also active with the Episcopal Church Women (ECW) and enjoys helping with all outreach and fundraising activities. She has a green thumb and has assumed the responsibility of taking care of the plants in the Chapel.

Cathy Prekel - Christ Church Pompton

Cathy Prekel has been an active member of Christ Church Pompton for 40 years. She has continued to serve as an Usher and Acolyte for close to 35 years. She served on the Vestry and has chaired the Harvest Fair and Tricky Tray fundraisers. She helps when and wherever help is needed. Cathy has been a Eucharistic Minister for 25 years. Two years ago, following the sudden retirement of our priest, Cathy joyfully volunteered to lead our Sunday and Wednesday Morning Prayer services. We are truly indebted to her. Thank you, Cathy!

Denise Pugsley - Christ Church Pompton

Denise Pugsley joined Christ Church Pompton, approximately 30 years ago. She has served on the Vestry. She has been an active member of the Finance Committee and has always offered sound advice and guidance. Denise was the Treasurer of our on-site daycare center and a loyal member of that management group for over 25 years. She was very "hands on" in keeping that center running. Sadly, the center closed last year, but Denise was very instrumental in doing what needed to be done to close the center, including finding "new homes" for the toys, furniture, arts and craft supplies, and curriculum. Well done, Denise! We greatly appreciate all you've done.

Helene & John Heschle - St. John's Memorial Church, Ramsey

Helene and John have been quietly and steadfastly sharing their gifts at St. John's Ramsey for decades, mostly behind the scenes. John (b.1925) served in the Army during World War II. He joined St. John's in 1953, taught Sunday school when his two children were young, and served as an usher for the 12 o'clock service. John's son was an acolyte and is now a retired Episcopal priest after 46 years. Helene joined St. John's when they married in 1979. She serves as greeter, lector, or assisting minister at the 8 o'clock service. They have supported many ministries with their time, talents and treasure: volunteered on Spring Boutique, Holiday Fair, Rise Against Hunger, Pedals for Progress, and more. Helene teaches line dancing to seniors. In addition to their pledge, they gifted the aspersorium & aspergillum for baptism, altar bells, rose vestments and paraments, and support Rise Against Hunger, Pedals for Progress, Episcopal Relief & Development, Good Friday Offering and RDF.

Eileen Ford - Grace Church, Rutherford

Eileen founded and runs the church's Grace's Angel ministry, volunteers for the Food to Go program, for Grace's Closet, and Sunday coffee hour. She has served on the Vestry, and participates in many other church activities! She is a true Blessing!

Alice K. Neubauer - Grace Church, Rutherford

Alice is a long-term member of Grace Church, Rutherford. She has served on the Vestry, and is the longest serving member of our church choir. She is also a regular volunteer for our Food to Go program. We love Alice!

Arnold B. Peinado, III - Christ Church in Short Hills

Arnold is an inestimable asset to both Christ Church and the Diocese at large. He served on our Vestry for a total of 15 years - including terms as Jr. and Sr. Warden. His many roles at Christ Church include Usher, Lay Reader, member of the Audit Committee and Rector Search Committee. For 25 years, he was the chair of the Outreach Grants Committee, expanding the reach of Christ Church to our broader community. Arnold has completed the 4-year, Education for Ministry program. In further service beyond our parish, he has been director of two grant-making arms of the Diocese of Newark, the Alleluia Fund and the ACTS/VIM Fund, and serves on the Finance and Operations Committee of Episcopal Relief and Development.

Sandra Peinado - Christ Church in Short Hills

Sandra has been an active, involved parishioner at Christ Church for decades. As a member of the Welcome Committee, she played a role in enhancing our hospitality for visitors and new members. Over the years, the list of her contributions to Christ Church is lengthy and invaluable - leading the Acolytes, serving on both the Stewardship and Nominating Committees, conducting Sunday School classes, and providing support as part of our Pastoral Care team. In addition, she served our parish as a sidesperson. She and her husband Arnie raised all three of their children as faithful participants in our church youth activities.

Dr. Karen Karlson - St. Andrew & Holy Communion, South Orange

Dr. Karen Karlson has been a devoted member of St. Andrew and Holy Communion for decades, offering unwavering support to both the congregation and the community it serves. Her generosity extends beyond financial contributions, as she has actively dedicated her time and expertise to various ministries. For many years, Dr. Karlson has been an integral part of the Feed the Homeless Ministry, working tirelessly to uplift those in need. She also led and managed the North Porch Outreach Ministry, ensuring that young mothers facing financial hardship received essential supplies and support. A compassionate and knowledgeable medical professional, Dr. Karlson never hesitated to share her expertise with fellow congregation members, offering guidance and advice on personal health concerns. No matter the need, she was always willing to lend a helping hand, embodying the spirit of service and kindness that defines the Church's mission.

Eva A. Kresofsky - St. Andrew & Holy Communion, South Orange

Eva Kresofsky began coming to St. Andrew & Holy Communion in 1989 when she and her husband were seeking to have their oldest son baptized. They were attracted by the friendly people they met. Eva was subsequently received by Bishop Spong. From 1999 to 2003, she chaired the Roof Raising Committee, which raised over \$207,000 to purchase a new roof for the church. Additionally, she had served as Junior Warden and was also a member of the Vestry. Currently, Eva is involved in many ministries. She has co-chaired the Stewardship Committee and has been the co-chair of the Fundraising Committee. Eva is also an active member of the Outreach, Finance, and Welcoming Committees. Eva is presently a Vestry member and serves as the Treasurer. Throughout the years, Eva has made many wonderful friends while enjoying working together to help the Church thrive.

Mary M. Meade (Posthumous) - St. Andrew & Holy Communion, South Orange

Since Mary joined St. Andrew and Holy Communion (SAHC) in 2001, she had been a passionate community member. Mary previously worshiped at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, where her son will be married. Mary believed strongly that it is not our prostrations, but the work of our hands, that shows Jesus we love him. An eloquent member of the prayer team, she served as parish administrator and on the fundraising committee. From the Pancake Supper to game nights, Mary sought to expand the church community. In recent years, she taught free ESL lessons. She organized holiday flowers and was a longtime member of the book club. After battling stage 4 metastatic breast cancer for 10 years, on May 8, 2025, Mary was called home after a life of service and love.

Humphrey O'Neil Williams - St. Andrew & Holy Communion, South Orange

Humphrey O'Neil Williams is a lifelong Episcopalian (Anglican). He became a member of Saint Andrew's & Holy Communion Episcopal Church in 1976. He migrated to the USA from Jamaica, W.I., in 1970 to further his education at Howard & Rutgers Universities. After graduating with honors, he became a Certified Public Accountant in the state of NJ. Subsequently, he became the managing partner of Frye &Williams LLP. Neil is married to Barbara and is the proud father of two children, Monique and Neil, & grandson, Arthur. Neil was elected to the Vestry in the early 1980s. He served for 12 years on the Vestry, finance committee, and as treasurer, where he was responsible for preparing the Church's annual budget, maintaining the books and records, and preparing monthly and yearly financial statements. From 2016 to 2022, Neil chaired a newly formed Audit Committee. In this capacity, he had the privilege of working with other talented members who volunteered to perform the annual audits.

Elsa Schock - St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Sparta

Elsa Schock has given immeasurably of her time and talent to St. Mary's for nearly four decades. A high school teacher, she gave voice to the Education Ministry on Vestry, directed Vacation Bible School and Godly Play, and organized our Easter Egg Hunt. She directs the Altar Guild with remarkable attention to detail and protocol. She contributed her considerable carpentry and painting skills to many projects at the church, in the Rectory and at the Afghan Refugee Home in Boonton. Elsa also credits St. Mary's for helping her through a grave illness and being a second home for her family.

Robert "Bob" Schock - St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Sparta

Bob Schock has been doing God's work at Saint Mary's for nearly forty years. He served three terms on Vestry, managing capital improvements, the pandemic, the search for a priest-in-charge and our new Joint Ministry with Church of the Messiah. Currently, he sings in the choir, helps stream services online, handles most communication involving Facebook, print media and in-house video, and coordinates a committed and purposeful Prayer Chain. Bob credits Saint Mary's for helping him overcome a grave illness and for being a church in which his entire family could grow into individuals of fine character and deep faith.

Scott and Kim Sargent - St. Dunstan's Church, Succasunna

The Sargents have been very active in support of St Dunstan's over many years. Kim has acted as both a Sunday school teacher and the Superintendent of the Sunday school as well as serving on the Vestry, and serving as a member of both the Finance Committee and Stewardship Committee. Scott has been the treasurer of St Dunstan's for over 17 years. He has served on the Vestry, chaired both the Buildings and Ground Committee and the New Rectory Building Committee. He has also offered his expertise on the Stewardship Committee and the Finance Committee. In addition to these formal roles, the Sargents have also found time to be active in the men's and women's Bible study groups, as well as to sing in the church choir. At most church events, they are the first ones to arrive and the last ones to leave. They are extremely devoted, and we are thrilled to recognize and honor them with the Hegg Award.

Charles Jordan - Calvary Episcopal Church, Summit

There's no one like Charles Jordan. Charles's warm smile and friendly voice is your first greeting at Calvary. Since 2012, he has served as either Head of the Altar Guild, Eucharistic Minister, acolyte, or receptionist. He's our "go-to" guy for anything Calvary, and his devotion is exemplary. Helping with liturgy, office work, meeting with contractors, managing the front desk, and ushering for musical events, are among the many things he does. He's always ready and willing to help. We treasure him and are blessed to have him!

Dawn Powell Douglas - Christ Episcopal Church, Teaneck

Dawn is a living testimony to the power of faith in the life of a believer. She has served as Sunday School Teacher, Vestry member, led morning prayer (willingly!) and contributed to the support of Christ Church's work in Haiti, our work among school children in Teaneck and the support of local families in need. Dawn has also been a driving force in the work of the Christ Church Food Pantry, a ministry that serves over one thousand visitors each month. Dawn supervises a team of volunteers from neighboring towns, synagogues, churches, and social service organizations. She offers community service opportunities to local high school students and to young adults with Autism. Dawn is a teacher whom God has used to teach Christ Church the power of faith in the life of a believer. In spite of profound and serious personal challenges and loss, Dawn has found her strength in worship and has continued to serve her community. Her unshakable faith in Jesus has strengthened us all.

James Porter - Christ Episcopal Church, Teaneck

It is with deep gratitude and heartfelt appreciation that we recognize the outstanding service and dedication of James Porter, a cherished member of the Christ Church, Teaneck family. His commitment to the mission and example of Christ here in Teaneck has been a blessing and an inspiration to those in our church and our community. James exemplifies discipleship in action. Through the years, James has served in a number of leadership roles with humility, wisdom, and a servant's heart. He has served as an Usher and Acolyte Leader. As a member of the Executive Committee he has brought patience and wisdom during critical moments. As a member of the Building and Grounds Committee, James kept us safe, comfortable and welcoming but most significantly, James has served faithfully as a Warden. He has demonstrated exceptional commitment to the priest and the people serving with integrity and faithfulness, always keeping Christ Church's mission at the forefront of every decision and initiative.

Elaine Coleman - St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Teaneck

Elaine Coleman is a living example of Christian love and selflessness. In her 45+ years at St. Mark's, her service as an usher, welcoming members and visitors alike, is just one of the many ways Elaine serves the congregation. A past Vestry member and active participant in the "Green Team" and Buildings and Grounds, she is always ready to help and shepherd projects from beginning to end. A long-time member of the Newcomer's Committee, she is the perfect welcoming presence with her beautiful smile and infectious laugh. Serving others is in her blood. St. Mark's is forever grateful that her family settled in Teaneck.

Debbie Stegmann - St. Mark's Church, Teaneck

A lifelong member of St. Mark's, Debbie Stegmann shares her many gifts generously. Debbie is caring, hard-working, quick to welcome newcomers and to share her joyous humor. She has been an active member of the Buildings & Grounds Committee for many years and now chairs the Committee. Debbie has been involved in major projects and renovations - also washing windows in the Rectory when workers had finished! Twice she bailed out basement flooding, and recently painted a stained ceiling. As a Garden Guild member, Debbie weeds, prunes, and mulches to keep our property beautiful and welcoming. St. Mark's is most grateful for Debbie!

Michael Murphy - Church of the Atonement, Tenafly

Since joining Church of the Atonement in 1987, Mike Murphy has served several terms on the Vestry including as both Junior and Senior Warden, and as chair of the Building and Grounds, Legacy Giving, and Finance Committees. Since 2011, Mike has guided church finances in his role as Treasurer. In addition to his work at the church, Mike has been a board member of Elisabeth Morrow School, Center for Food Action, Flatrock Brook Nature Center, and Englewood Field Club. In relaxing moments, he enjoys spending time with family, including his three young granddaughters.

Melanie Glaner Paul - Good Shepherd Episcopal Church, Towaco

Melanie has been part of our parish since 1961. During that time she has assumed a variety of positions. She has been a member of the junior choir, nursery school attendant, sexton, member of the adult choir, member of the Vestry, search committee, convention delegate and Warden. While she didn't assume all of these positions at one time, she did assume them more than once over her many years of service. As we all know, the longer you're involved the more you're asked to do. Melanie's longevity with our parish has placed her in many leadership roles. She has always performed these responsibilities beyond the call of duty. We are proud to extend this honor to a loyal member of our church community, and we thank her for her many years of service.

Sam Givens - St. James Church, Upper Montclair

Sam Givens has participated in every aspect of congregational life including: Vestry member, Warden, and a Search Committee leader during clergy transitions. Sam is a lector and usher and often assists in Parish Life events and Outreach programs. Sam volunteered for over 20 years teaching children and youth in Sunday school classes and youth group activities. He visits elderly church members sequestered home due to age or illness. These visits provide encouragement, attention and respect for members, who are missing their church community. Saint James proudly puts Sam Givens forward for this well deserved award.

Barbara Meyer - St. James Church, Upper Montclair

Barbara's ministries are dedicated to the beauty of the church grounds, the dressing and adornment of the altar, as well her long time choir membership. She is co-leader of the Altar Guild and works with volunteers on the presentation of the altar for weekly services. As leader of the Flower Ministry, Barbara creates arrangements that are beautiful and appropriate to the liturgy. She reaches out into the church community to offer the flower dedications, which have become a ministry of pastoral support for those grieving the loss of loved ones. As a longtime member of the church choir, the Music Director relies on Barbara's voice and presence to encourage other volunteers to bring their vocal talents to the choir. Saint James joyfully submits Ms. Barbara Meyer for this well deserved David Hegg Award.

Carol Mosezar - St. James Church, Upper Montclair

Carol's ministry at St. James Church benefits everyone with whom she comes into contact. Carol is a hardworking and dedicated volunteer who honors the commitments that she makes with grace and efficiency. She has assisted in many events from concert receptions to welcoming newcomers, gives valuable guidance and support to the year-round stewardship programming, and supports neurodivergent high school students develop good work habits and attitudes. It is an honor for St. James Church to put Carol Mosezar forward as a recipient of the David Hegg Award.

Maria Force - Church of the Holy Spirit, Verona

Maria has been an integral part of the Church of the Holy Spirit, Verona, for over 30 years - a longtime warden, a dedicated volunteer to fundraising programs and always willing to help with outreach ministries. At the Diocesan level, Maria has served as a member of the Bishop's Advisory Committee on Human Resources for years and been a deputy to Diocesan Convention many times. She has also volunteered as a worship assistant and lector for many years at Holy Spirit. She raised her two daughters at Holy Spirit, Verona, and now her grandchildren attend both church and Sunday School there. Maria is highly deserving of the Hegg Award as she continues her faithful devotion to Holy Spirit, Verona, the Diocese of Newark and the Episcopal Church.

Catherine Tamasik - Church of the Holy Spirit, Verona

Catherine Tamasik has been an invaluable member of the Church of the Holy Spirit for over 20 years. Catherine oversaw repaving the back path of the Church as a fairly new member of the congregation. Since becoming the Parish Administrator in 2015, she has taken on even overseeing larger projects like waterproofing the lower-level and installing a new boiler. She coordinates our Food Pantry, maintaining inventory and scheduling volunteers. She bakes for all fellowship, outreach, or fundraising events. She handles Easter and Christmas flowers, including purchasing and decorating, in addition to weeding and pruning the entire campus as needed. She serves as a lector in worship services and as a deputy to the Diocesan Convention. Catherine's steadfast commitment and leadership exemplify the ideals of this Award. We are grateful for all she does!

Lea Anderson - Church of the Good Shepherd, Wantage

When beautiful flowers appear on the altar and flowers grow out of the earth at Good Shepherd, we know that Lea has worked her artistic magic. Over the past years, she has given us the gift of beautifying our worship and communal space as well as sharing her talent with our young people. She has graced us with her humility and warmth, encouraging us to dig more deeply into ourselves by being a living example of how we all have something to give our communities. She works tirelessly on community dinners and events and supports those unable to travel to church by organizing and delivering greeting cards. In addition, she visits the local nursing home to help bring God's word and sacrament.

Marilyn Solanka - Church of the Good Shepherd, Wantage

Marilyn is one of those amazing women who seems to appear out of nowhere to help with anything that is needed. She is always quick to volunteer for fundraisers and community events. She sits patiently listening during food pantry to guests who need the joy of company and understanding. She prepares social events as chairperson of our Parish Life Committee. Her loving interest in each person is evident in every interaction whether it is visiting local nursing homes or participating in our liturgies by assisting our priest or helping to greet attendees. We are so grateful for her years of service and commitment.

Jaimee Bickford - St. Michael's Church, Wayne

Jaimee Bickford is an active Vestry member and has been an energetic creator and contributor of her time, talents and treasure to St. Michael's social events. As General Manager of St. Michael's Thrift Shoppe, she has revamped the items to be more attractive to those who come into our shop, whose proceeds go to help those in need. She has a knack to invite shoppers to attend services and events at St. Michael's. She is also a faithful Usher and Greeter, paying special attention to the needs of the people as they enter church.

Robert Fernicola - St. Michael's Church, Wayne

For many years, Robert Fernicola has been faithful in his leadership role as Chair of the Ushers/Greeters. He exhibits attention to detail as he greets people who come into church, giving them the service bulletins and pew cushions as needed. He has been a past member of St. Michael's Vestry and a member of the Buildings and Grounds Committee. He also comes to help decorate the Sanctuary for the Christmas Season.

Gail Marentette - Church of the Holy Innocents, West Orange

Gail has been a cherished member of CHI since 1939, attending from the age of five. Over the years, she has actively participated and contributed to the church, serving as a vital link to its history and growth. Gail's involvement spans sharing her stories, knitting, and bringing joy and laughter to the community. Her dedication and presence continue to make her an invaluable resource and a beloved figure within the church.

Michael Ford Rehill (Posthumous) - Grace Church, Westwood

Michael Rehill was a lifelong member of Grace Church in Westwood. He was deeply committed to the worship life of Grace Church serving for many years as lector, acolyte, and Eucharistic Minister. He also served several terms as a member of the Vestry and as Warden. At the Diocesan level, Michael held the title of Chancellor Emeritus in the Diocese of Newark after serving for 18 years as Vice Chancellor (1984-1991) and then Chancellor (1991-2002). Michael served on the Constitution & Canons Committee (1984-1995), Diocesan Council (Class of 1984 & 1986), the Standing Committee (1986-1991), and the Trustees (1988-2008). Michael represented the Diocese of Newark at General Convention as Deputy (1988, 1991, 1994, 1997, 2000, 2003) and Alternate Deputy (1985, 2006, 2012, 2015), and served at General Convention on the Committee on the Constitution, the Committee on Canons, and the Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop.

Rachel Koshy - St. Paul's & Resurrection, Wood-Ridge

Rachel Koshy, an active member of St. Paul's & Resurrection since 1993, has dedicated many hours to the smooth functioning of our church. She has been either a Vestry member or Warden for many years. In addition, she ensures that we have readers and intercessors for every service. Rachel also cares for our congregation by reaching out to those who have missed attending and by ensuring that we always have food for coffee hour and special occasions. Rachel is often the first to volunteer to help wherever needed. We applaud Rachel's commitment and service to our church.

Ruth Polifronio - St. Paul's & Resurrection, Wood-Ridge

Ruth has been a dedicated member of St. Paul's & Resurrection since the formation of our multicultural congregation in 1992. She is a true servant leader who has been a member of the Vestry, Treasurer and Clerk of all affairs throughout the years. She continues to lead the altar guild, address building maintenance issues, ensure bills are paid, prepares the sanctuary for special services and is always available to do whatever is necessary to ensure the smooth functioning of our church and property. Her open and honest perspective is refreshing in its candor. We appreciate Ruth's passion and devotion to our church.

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extends heartfelt thanks to Bishop Hughes, Canon Andrew Wright, the diocesan staff, the Rev. Jim Petroccione, the Rev. Deacon Ken Boccino and the people of Church of the Saviour, Denville and all the others who contributed to this event.

Today's Offertory will be divided equally between **Shepherd's Haven**, a ministry of Christ Church Pompton, and **The Senior Resource Center**, a ministry of Church of the Messiah, Chester. These ministries provide caring support and stimulating activities for seniors. Please give generously.



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