



## Weekly Update March 18, 2020

### *Our Vision*

We are a growing community of believers committed to walking with Christ, welcoming all, and serving God by serving others.

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### Isolate, Mitigate, Innovate

#### **Sisters and Brothers in Christ:**

*“The Almighty Lord, who is a strong tower to all who put their trust in him, to whom all things in heaven, on earth, and under the earth bow and obey; Be now and evermore our defense during this time of great uncertainty. Bless all those who care for those afflicted and minister to those who are frightened, pierce the anxiety of those who shiver and with your grace help us to know and feel that the only Name heaven given for health and salvation is the Name of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen \*(BCP p. 456 modified).*”

There are few words or analogies that can easily describe this coronavirus time. For all of us it is greatly disturbing and quite annoying. I am reminded of a young soldier, just months out of High School who was standing in line to board an aircraft overseas. He was trying to hold back tears, and yet was determined to be as brave as he could be. He was quite embarrassed as his fear and emotions were obvious. For a few minutes I remember touching his hand and saying a prayer in his ear. He grabbed my arm and said “Chaplain, will you be there too?” When I told him I would, he calmly said “Good.”

I want you all to know that you are not alone through this. We are all loved by each other and by God from one moment to the next. Let’s be good to each other, care about each other and most importantly stay in contact with each other – not physically – but through the wonder of technology and the power of prayer.

With great sadness I announce **that all services, church meetings and events are canceled over the next eight weeks. This includes all Holy Week services and Easter.** This action is taken as a result of the order of the Governor of New York and the Bishops of the Episcopal Diocese of New York. Saturday Morning Breakfasts, as we know them, may not be held. We may innovate and find ways to offer a pick-up breakfast for those who are hungry. We are also looking in to how we might provide some assistance to the homebound during this unfortunate time.

This Sunday the doors to the church will be open from 8:30-11:30 am for private prayer. I cannot guarantee that we will be permitted to keep the doors open every Sunday.

**The Church office** will reduce hours starting today. We will be open from 10:00-2:00. We believe this too will reduce in-person contact. I will continue to be available 24/7 for emergencies.

I will conduct Morning Prayer on-line. This week a link will be available on our website, and I will send out a link later.

As rough as this is for everyone, I ask you all to consider another aspect of this quite difficult time: finances. We may not have services over the next eight weeks, but the church operations continue; our expenses continue too. Many folks make their tithe payments when they are in church. With great respect, may we ask you to make your regular contributions by mailing them to our office or follow the directions below to sign up for e-pledge payments.

I am looking into the possibility of obtaining the proper equipment and software necessary to live-stream services. While this would be wonderful during this time period, it would be helpful following this crisis so that those who are homebound may watch our services especially funerals and weddings. There is a significant expense (around \$3500.00). As soon as we know more we will let you know.

In the days ahead, you will be hearing from me both by the written word and video. Please know that together and with the grace and love of Christ we will arrive on the other side of this unfortunate time.

Please keep this wonderful community of faith in your prayers.

Yours in Christ,  
Fr. Don

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For anyone who would like to have donations/pledge payments made directly from their bank account, you can authorize an e-pledge through the Episcopal Diocese website by clicking here: [Episcopal Diocese of NY E-Pledge Option](#)

Once on the website, please follow the prompts as described below:

- Click on For Congregations,
- Scroll down and click on Stewardship,
- than click on E-Pledging and select either the Individual Enrollment Form, or if making a change to existing donation, choose the Individual Change Form.
- You can submit the completed form with a copy of a voided check to the parish office for handling.

If you would like to find out more information about epledging, click here: <https://www.dioceseny.org/administration/congregations/parish-finance-administration/epledging/>

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Beginning this week, the Migrant Community Center will be packing bags of

non-perishable foods each Wednesday at the Pine Island School. Volunteers will assemble bags of food for delivery. If you would like to donate any food, the following is a list of suggested items:

- \* Cereal - cornflakes and Cheerios
- Beans-canned or dry-pinto and black are favorites
- Oil
- Canned vegetables and fruits - peas and corn are favorites
- Crackers and cookies
- Healthy Snacks for kids
- Small snack packs like fruits/applesauce are good
- Perishable foods: apples would be good
- Rice
- Juice
- Canned milk

Please leave all items at the O'Keefe house (8 High Hill Avenue, Warwick).

The drive begins today and continues on Wednesdays for the next several weeks, if possible. Bill's pickup truck will be parked at the end of our driveway - the rear gate will be left down. In an effort to comply with government directives and limit interactions, we ask that all items be left in the bed of his pickup.

If you are unable to drive to our home but would like to donate, leave items on the front porch of the CC Parish Hall on Wednesdays between 10 and noon; we will pick up at noon.

Please let us know if you are able to contribute and when you plan to leave items. In that way, we will know to leave the truck open for donations and will also be sure to drive by CC for additional donations.

Thank you, Joanne and Bill O'Keefe

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**Save the Date**  
**Spring Cleanup: April 4**  
**8:30 am to 1 pm**

Join us for curbside coffee, breakfast on the run, special gifts for the children. A morning of meaningful gardening work, lightened hearts, and lifted spirits!

Please contact Mark Arnowitz with questions  
mark.arnowitz@yahoo.com

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**Christ Church has joined a Warwick Lions Club initiative to keep more plastic out of landfills.**

For every 500 pounds of plastic bags and film packaging recycled in a six-month interval, Trex will donate an environmentally responsible bench that the Lions will place in the community. There are two ways you can participate:

- Directly recycle your clean, dry, empty plastic bags and film packaging in 30-gallon or 45-gallon clear plastic recycle bags (30 gallon can be

purchased from Shop Rite). When you have a full bag, take it to Price Chopper on Route 94 in Warwick. Go around the right side of the building to get to the rear loading dock. After delivery, contact George McManus with the total that you dropped off at [mcmanus@warwick.net](mailto:mcmanus@warwick.net) or call 986-1681 and leave a message. Each 30 gallon filled bag is eight pounds.

- Or just bring your clean, dry, empty plastic bags and film packaging to church and put it in the big white Trex box in the parish hall. A team from Christ Church will be recycling several times a week.

The Lions will only get the bench if we let George know what we recycled, so please don't omit that step.

Thank you very much!

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### **FEED YOUR FAMILY and SUPPORT YOUR CHURCH**

You are welcome to stop by the parish office during the week between the hours of 10am and 2pm to purchase gift cards to Shop Rite and Price Chopper. The office can accept cash or check payment only.



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**The Thrift Store will be closed until further notice!**

BARGAINS + RECYCLE + COMMUNITY

CHRIST CHURCH  
THRIFT  
SHOP:



SHOP TUES 5-7PM  
SAT 9:30AM-12PM

DONATE TUES 5-7PM  
WED 9AM-12PM  
SAT 9AM-12PM

COMMUNITY FREE BREAKFAST  
SAT 10AM-11AM

Helpers & Shoppers Always Needed!

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## Prayer Requests

### Parishioners:

Jim, Joanne, Carol, Dorothy,  
Sarah, Grace and Lorne, Dave  
and Pat

### Friends and Family:

Janell, Joanne L., Doug,  
Jennifer, Jessica and Julia, Josh,  
Will, Therese, Connor, Valentina  
and Scott, Holmes family,  
Michael, Patricia and Andrew,



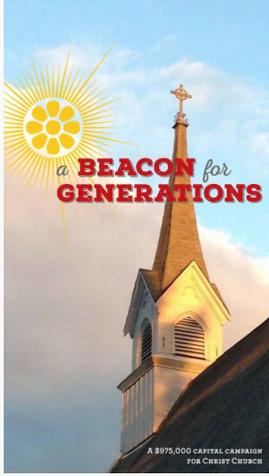
### Christ Church Directory

The Parish Directory is available  
for you to view, save and/or print.  
Please click [HERE](#) to view the  
Directory.

(Password: fatherjim)

If you see any errors in your  
family's listing or you wish to be  
removed from the directory,  
please contact the  
[Church Office](#). If you would like  
your picture added or updated,  
please send to Steve Laico at  
steve@searchlightweb.com  
If you cannot open this file,  
contact the office for a copy

***This directory is for  
church purposes only!***



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## ***A N N O U N C E M E N T***

**NOT CANCELLED: Family**  
**NOT CANCELLED: Music**  
**NOT CANCELLED: Prayer**  
**NOT CANCELLED: Laughing**  
**NOT CANCELLED: Recovering from Insufficient Sleep**  
**NOT CANCELLED: Exploring the Bible**  
**NOT CANCELLED: Getting Outdoors**  
**NOT CANCELLED: Singing**  
**NOT CANCELLED: Exploring the Prayer Book ([bcponline.org](http://bcponline.org))**  
**NOT CANCELLED: Re-connecting with Someone after “too long”**  
**NOT CANCELLED: Journaling**  
**NOT CANCELLED: Reading**  
**NOT CANCELLED: Helping Others**  
**NOT CANCELLED: Exercise**  
**NOT CANCELLED: Love**  
**NOT CANCELLED: Hope**

**Let's give thanks for what we have and use this time to get less busy and more healthy**

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**The Reverend Dr. Donald F. Davidson, Interim Rector**

Articles for Christ Church Eblast newsletter are due by noon on Tuesday before

Wednesday publication

Fr. Don is available to you in emergency 24-hours a day.

Outside of regular office hours, the best way to contact him is via email at

[rector@christchurch.org](mailto:rector@christchurch.org).

You can also leave a message on his phone line, as he checks his messages ofte *n*.

VESTRY: Matthew Mumford - Senior Warden, Mark Arnowitz - Junior Warden  
Elena Chavez Carey, Judy Girod, Sharon Kelly, Steve Laico, Chris Loftus, Barbara Mann (Recording Secretary),  
George Mindos, Kristen Neavin, Louise Schultz (Treasurer), Charlotte Trott and Cheryl Walters

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Worship  
Schedule

SUNDAYS: 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM

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