



## Weekly Update July 29, 2020

### *Our Vision*

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

Dear Friends,

It is good to be with you here at Christ Church, Warwick. What a pretty village! What a pretty Church – and the Rectory! My wife and I are calling it our B&B in the country.

We live in White Plains, and I will be coming up all day Tuesday, Wednesday afternoon, and all day Thursday. I'll work from home Friday afternoon. Then my wife (Charlotte) and I will come up Friday evening for 'a weekend in the country.' I'll be available for Pastoral Care and conversation on Saturday afternoons (and on those other days). Then there's Church on Sunday!

We live in very changing times. There is COVID 19, and a full plate of politics in the world out there. The Church, however, was built for this. Century by century we have gathered to hear the teachings of Christ, to love one another, and to "go in peace to love and serve the Lord" by loving our neighbor.

We still do that. Because of being "locked down" for some months, we have all discovered ways in which God has nourished us outside of church. We have all discovered ways in which we have nourished each other outside of church. Let's share those ways! What a treasure to have discovered in our 'wilderness time.' It will enrich what we already have.

It is a pleasure to accompany you on this stage of your Christ Church journey. It is a pleasure to take my place among your pastors and preachers. It will be a pleasure to rediscover old treasures and uncover new ones, in the treasure box that is your pretty little Church on South Street. Let's make it ready to nourish generations of people yet to come, with the guidance of generations of clergy yet to come.

Peace,  
Fr. Steve

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# Evening Prayer

Please check the website for a link to the service  
[www.christchurch.org](http://www.christchurch.org)

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## What can you expect on Sunday

The doors of Christ Church will be open Sunday for two services at 9:00 and 11:00. What follows is a little information about what you can expect.

- +Only the red doors to the Church will be open to enter the building. If you need to enter a different door, please call ahead.
- +Every effort has been made to make the nave as reasonably safe as possible. The room has been sanitized and the pews have been wiped down.
- +Face-coverings are required while in the building. If you forget your own, a face-covering is available for you.
- +Hand sanitizer will be available just inside the door.
- +Your name will be written down as you enter for contact tracking purposes.
- +No more than 30 people will be permitted in the room at one time.
- +There will be no congregational singing, and responses will be said at low-volume.
- +Plexiglass “sneeze-guards” have been placed in front of the lectern and pulpit so that the preacher and readers can speak without being masked.
- +Bulletins and the Alms basin will be pre-placed before the service.

The Eucharist will be celebrated at both services:

- +The wine will not be distributed.
- +The priest will scrub his hands before setting the table, and sanitize his hands before the distribution. Only the person receiving and the priest will touch the wafer.
- +The priest will wear a mask at all times other than when at the pulpit.
- +There will be no acolytes or Eucharistic Ministers assisting.
- +Social distancing will be observed, and reception will be made standing.
- +After receiving the wafer, the individual should turn away and move at least six feet from the person behind before consuming (waiting until you return to your seat is also suggested).
- +If there is overflow seating in the parish hall, the priest will distribute communion there as well.

Thank you all for your understanding as we, Christ Church, moves through this unprecedented time. The doors will be open.

Thanks Be To God.

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## Intercessory Prayers

To add a name to our weekly intercession list, please send the name to [prayer@christchurch.org](mailto:prayer@christchurch.org).

The intercession list will be available as you enter the church on Sunday mornings.

You are welcome to add a name (first or baptismal name only). There are three areas: 1) for those who are ill or need special prayers 2) for those who have died and 3) for thanksgivings to God.

Let us all remember each other, family members and friends in prayer each week.

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## June was Pride Month – Part II

**At Christ Church we are continuing this legacy by starting an LGBTQI+ youth group to affirm and empower local LGBTQI+ Youth.** According to the Human Rights Campaign (HRC), 42% of LGBT youth say the community in which they live is not accepting of LGBT people. LGBT Youth are twice as likely as their peers to say they have been physically assaulted. 26% of LGBT youth say their biggest problems are not feeling accepted by their family, trouble at school/bullying and a fear to be out/open. 22% of non-LGBT youth say their biggest problems are trouble with class, exams and grades. 73% of LGBT youth say they are more honest about themselves online than in the real world. 9 in 10 of LGBT youth say they are out to their close friends and 64% say they are out to their classmates. 75% of LGBT youth say that most of their peers do not have a problem with their identity as LGBT. 92% of LGBT youth say they hear negative messages about being LGBT. The top sources are school, the Internet and their peers. 68% of LGBT youth say they hear negative messages about being LGBT from elected leaders. LGBT youth who are out to their immediate families are more likely to report being happy than those who are not out. An estimated 40% of homeless youth identify as LGBTQ and report being homeless due to running away from home or being rejected by their families because of their LGBTQ status. More than 70% of LGBT youth report feelings of worthlessness and hopelessness. 26% of LGBT youth said they always feel safe in school and 5% said that all of their teachers and school staff are supportive of LGBTQ people. 31% of trans youth said they can express themselves in a way that completely reflects their gender identity in school. 11% of LGBT youth of color believe their racial or ethnic group is regarded positively in the US. According to the CDC LGB youth were four times more likely than non-LGB youth to attempt suicide. Transgender youth have a higher rate of attempted suicide.

**Please contact Sharon Kelly by July 31 at [SLKSantana@yahoo.com](mailto:SLKSantana@yahoo.com) if you are interested in being a part of this wonderful opportunity. We have the opportunity, and the responsibility, to combat the rejection many LGBT individuals face from their faith denominations and communities. We strive to provide youth a safe place to learn about God's love for them**

and provide the youth and their families support through our congregation. Any adult who wishes to volunteer with youth must first pass a background check, participate in Safe Church training and supervisory practices, and follow Safe Church protocol.

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**BARGAINS + RECYCLE/REPURPOSE**

CHRIST CHURCH  
**THRIFT SHOP:**



**SUMMER 2020  
RE-OPENED**  
within guidelines

**SHOP & DONATE**  
**Saturday 9:30am-12noon**

- face coverings required
- capacity is limited
- no children under 16
- changing rooms are closed
- no access to bathrooms
- donations are quarantined at least 72 hours
- there are new restrictions on donations:  
due to CDC guidelines & limited capacity, donations  
are screened upon arrival to determine what  
can/cannot be accepted
- thanks for your patience & understanding while we  
keep everyone's health & safety our top priority!

50 South St, Warwick NY · parish hall basement, door on driveway side

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**Saturday Breakfast has been suspended until further notice!**

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**The Reverend Stephen C. Holton, Interim Rector**

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

VESTRY: Matthew Mumford - Senior Warden, Mark Arnowitz - Junior Warden  
Elena Chavez Carey, Judy Girod, Sharon Kelly, Steve Laico, Chris Loftus, Barbara Mann (Recording Secretary),

Anyone wishing to read the Vestry meeting minutes,  
please contact the parish office for a copy.

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Worship  
Schedule

SUNDAYS: 9:00 and 11:00 AM

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