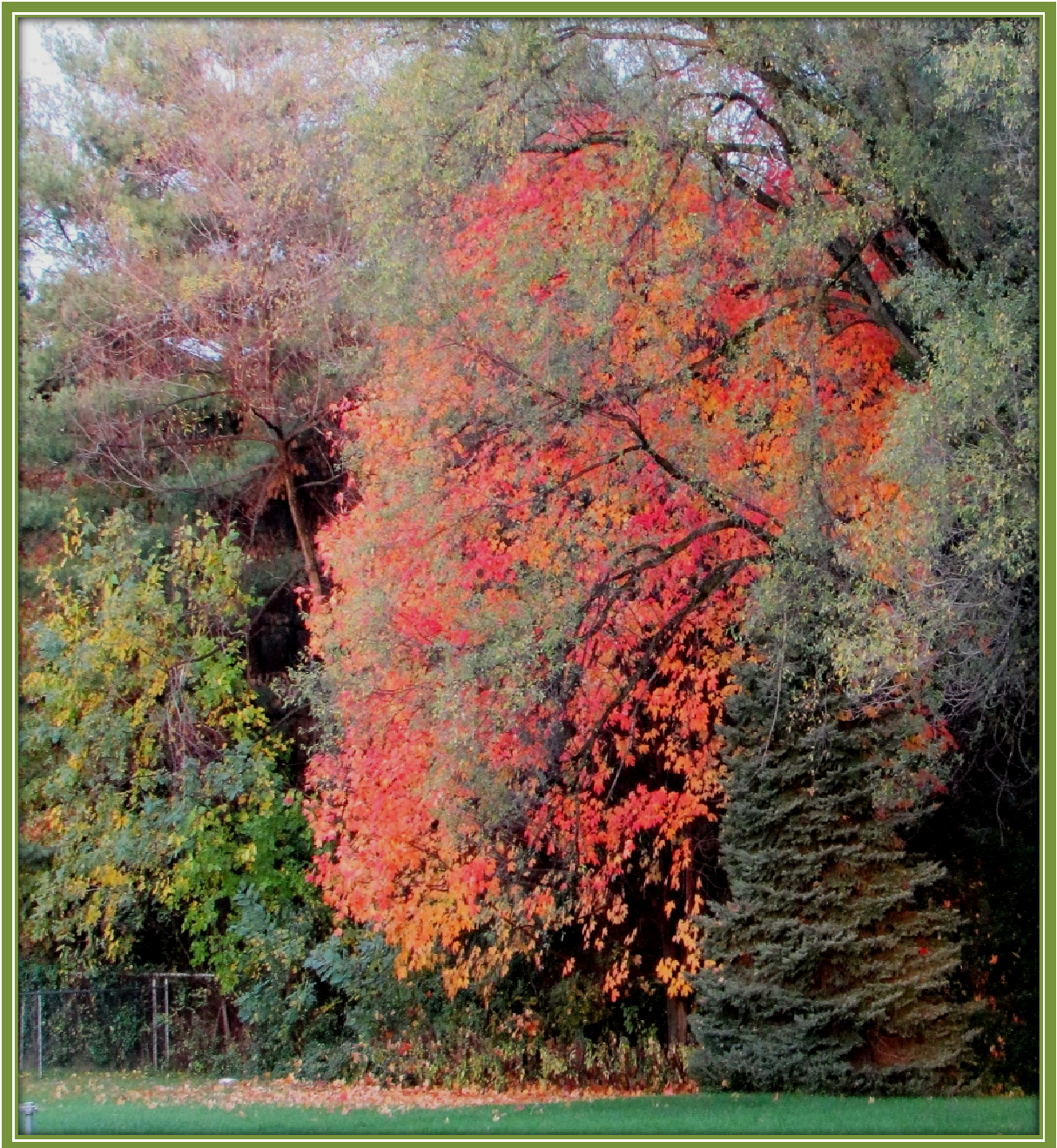


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November 2016 Newsletter



"The grass withers, and the flower fades, but the WORD of our GOD will stand FOREVER."

-Isaiah 40:8

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



As we prepare for the annual meeting I am happy to report that we have been much more on track financially this year than we were last year. When we realized that we were falling behind financially last year, the people of Trinity, blessed by God, responded in thankfulness for all of God's blessings and made the ministry that we share here a priority in your stewardship and helped to shore things up financially.

However, ministry is never easy and when we solve one problem, another usually arrives to keep us busy. This year our challenge is involvement. For several years many of our groups have been requesting more help from the congregation so that we can maintain the many quality programs and ministries that we have come to cherish. This year we need to elect four members to church council. At this point every person that we have approached has either turned us down or has hesitated in actually committing. The annual congregational meeting is four weeks from today on Sunday, November 13th. The issue at hand is not the actual functioning of the council as an administrative body of the church, we can function with only eight people. Our constitution limits the number of council members to no more than fifteen, but does not require a minimum number of members.

The problem of having only eight council members is the fact that the council is divided into four teams of three members for the purpose of serving as ushers and counters on Sunday morning. Although it is possible to do the council Sunday morning routine with just two members, it can at times create problems in getting things done. When a council member is unable to fulfill his or her duty for a Sunday and no one is able to replace them, the remaining two members usually seek help from congregation members to help take the offering. It is also preferable to have three people in the counting room to facilitate the processing of the offering.

Being on Church Council is a commitment. That commitment entails serving on a council team one Sunday a month, which means being at the Church by 7:30am, making sure that doors are unlocked, lights turned on, heat or air conditioning is on and functioning, handing out bulletins, taking the offering, counting the offering and then closing up the building afterward. Council members usually conclude their Sunday morning service around 1:00pm. Council members are also expected to be at monthly council meetings which last about two to three hours, but usually closer to two hours. Finally, council members are usually asked to either chair or be a liaison to a committee or ministry of the church. Council terms are for three years and one can be elected to a second consecutive term. So yes, being elected to church council is a commitment.

Being a member of church council is an eye-opener. Members quickly learn how much is involved in overseeing the ministry and mission of the church. All the preparation involved in presenting Sunday morning worship is given a new appreciation by those who serve. An understanding of how much time and energy is consumed by dealing with issues of our buildings and grounds is quickly gained. Concern is devoted to making sure we have teachers and supplies for our children in Sunday school. Fellowship must be fostered among our members by providing social activities and our love for God and mission to know Christ and Make Him Known is realized through

supporting, maintaining and developing outreach programs for those in need. All these aspects of ministry and more are quickly instilled in our council members.

Another area that needs attention from our members is Altar Guild. Over the past couple years the guild has dwindled down to a few people. Our Altar Guild members have been very dedicated, but health, family issues and age has affected our numbers. Regardless we need to know that on Sunday morning the altar has been prepared and communion is set up for communion services. Yes, there is some cleaning and polishing involved, but having the elements of communion in place and ready for use during the service is of the utmost priority. Men can be a part of the Altar Guild. There is nothing wrong with a husband and wife team working together to serve the Lord. Over the last several years I have noticed that some of the women who have volunteered to serve on the Altar Guild for the 10:00am service have had their children help them set up. That's fantastic! Wives, husbands, children are all welcome and encouraged to serve.

In conclusion, we have two potential weak spots in our ministry. Please prayerfully consider if God is calling you to help us fortify these areas of service with your love for the Lord and your talent. Amen!

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Andy





Confirmation Class

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

The Confirmation Class has begun their study of the Apostles Creed. They are learning that the main confession of the Apostles' Creed, the Nicene Creed, and the Athanasian Creed is the belief in the Holy Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit- three distinct persons in one divine being.

I especially want to thank all their previous Sunday School teachers for the great job they did. While we were reviewing the names of the disciples, one girl started to sing a song of them she learned in her earlier years.

Another thank you goes to the parents of the members of the Confirmation Class. Every child has been so well mannered, polite, hard-working and very willing to help other members of the class. They have their own unique personalities that really add to the chemistry of the class. I can't wait to come to class every Sunday.

I'd like to introduce the members to you:

Caroling Krause and Eden Shinseki will be confirmed at the end of this school year.

Davin Kahoun, Alexia Glaze, Emily Krause, Ryan Richards, Shannon Halko, Erika Veneziani, Cassie Copsetta and Faith Veigel.

Please pray for each of the students in Sunday School. It can be a long road but a road well worth it.

Thank you in God's love,
The Confirmation Staff

SOCIAL CONCERNS

We hope everyone enjoyed our October breakfast! November starts our Harvest Home collection. Our Turkey will be arriving on November 6th. All turkeys and canned goods will be due back by November 20th. We will be packing them on Sunday November 20th after the end of the 11:15 service. It takes us less than an hour so please think about staying to help.

October was our Pantry Month. Pat Schmidt spoke to everyone about what our pantry and clothing closet mean to the community. Thank you to everyone who donated last month. Your donations are what keep our ministry working.

Any clothing items dropped off need to be clean and stain-free. The Clothing Closet is open to anyone. We have a large selection of gently used and a few new clothes. Help stretch your budget and give some of our clothing a new home. Clothing items are always welcome. They can be dropped off at any time. Just leave them in one of the bins on the 17 Knight Avenue porch. Please remember...

WHEN BAGGING UP YOUR USED CLOTHING PLEASE DON'T OVER-STUFF THE BAGS.

The volunteers who carry, sort and organize the clothing cannot carry the bags into the house when they are too heavy. They would really appreciate it if you could divide the heavy bags into two more manageable bags. Thank you VERY MUCH.

On November 13th we will be cooking for our Annual Church Dinner. If you would like to help in any way please come and join us, there is a lot to do. We will start cooking and preparing following the 10AM service.

Some dates to remember:

- October 30th- **TRUNK OR TREAT 2:00-4:00**
CHILI COOK-OFF 4:00-5:00
- November 6th – Turkey feathers and Thanksgiving table
- November 13th – Annual Dinner
- November 20th – Pack Thanksgiving Baskets
- November 22nd – Distribute baskets
- November 27th – Angel Tree
- December 18th – Pack and distribute Christmas Gifts and Baskets



Please plan on being with us this Holiday Season. You will receive much more out of giving than you can image. The feeling is priceless.

New members are always welcome. We meet on the third Sunday of the month at 11:15. Please come out and join us. Remember God loves a cheerful giver. You will love the fellowship and the great feeling you get from helping others

Luke 3:11

And he answered them, "Whoever has two tunics is to share with him who has none, and whoever has food is to do likewise."

Caring and Sharing
Diane Kochon

As fellow members of Trinity we want to share something with you that is happening in our lives that has been in the works for some time and is now becoming very real.

Our youngest son, Justin – his wife Lindsay and their two young children Clark and Mollie are preparing to answer God's call and serve as missionaries in Japan.

We could not be more proud of them for their commitment and hard work that they have done in preparing over the last 5 years. The decision to leave everything and everyone behind to serve our Lord was not made lightly and they have made many sacrifices and have worked hard to raise the support needed to get them to Japan.

We are all called To Know Christ and Make him Known.

As parents, we are in awe of their unwavering desire to do this as a lifetime career. It is not easy . . . they will be learning a new language and will learn to live in a new culture.

We ask for your prayers as the time draws near for us to say goodbye. This will not be easy. Thank goodness for technology – Face time – Facebook, etc.

They will be in NJ late November to say their goodbyes to family and friends. In December they will travel to Texas to do the same for Lindsay's family.

In February, their home church in Virginia will have a special commissioning service for them as their goal is to be in Japan by March 1st.

If you'd like to follow their journey feel free to visit their website <http://www.godsgloryinjapan.com/> or connect with them on Facebook the same way.

Thank you in advance for your much need prayers.

In Christ,

Gina and Rich Greiner





PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Greetings in Christ,

Since our last newsletter article in the spring many things have transpired with the Property Committee here at Trinity.

The 7th grade class room damaged by our foundation water problem is now finished with new ceiling lights, switches and outlets. Also new sheetrock, cove molding, white bond and a nice paint job to complete the project.

Many thanks to all that helped make this happen.

We still need to finish under the stairwell. This will be done at a later date.

New energy efficient light fixtures were installed in our secretary's office. We are currently looking into converting to LED lighting throughout the church. The energy savings are enormous and the LED lamps can last up to 30,000 hours or more. A cost study analysis will be done and will be presented to Council.

By now everyone that comes to Trinity has seen our new bollards in front of our office area and at the end of our new concrete water runoff at the sidewalk.

These were installed for two reasons. First to eliminate trips and falls over the old concrete bumpers; and second is to stop cars from driving out of our parking lot over the concrete step which is NOT an exit out of the parking lot. They will be filled with concrete and decorative covers.

The Property Committee has been busy doing routine maintenance and testing of our emergency light packs; along with assisting other ministries in their projects.

Our next work day will be on November 19th. Please mark your calendars and we hope to see you there.

Yours in Christ,

Richard Greiner on behalf of the Trinity Property Committee



The Prayer Shawl monthly meeting was held on Friday October 7, 2016. In attendance were: Barbara Anconetani, Ann Carter, Val Colasuonno, Esther Guetens, Dolores Keller and Mary Raws.

The meeting began at approximately 10:00 a.m., with The Lord's Prayer.

We received from Eleanor Epley 11 hats
 Carol Peters donated 2 bags of yarn

Our members produced 1 Prayer Shawl, 1 Blanket, 8 Scarves, and 1 Hat.

Distribution: Prayer Shawls/Lap Blankets were given to the following:
 Dolly Myers
 Bob & Barbara Solly
 Susan Dilks for Mary Ann
 Sam Spino

Corresponding Secretary: Barbara Anconetani reported thank you notes had been sent to Flossie Bowers and Eleanor Epley for all their donations. Barbara indicated that she would be sending Thinking of You notes to Helen McGarvey and Barbara Franz. A note was received from the Osborn Family Health Center thanking us for our donations.

Baptismal Historian: Mary Raws reported there were no baptisms in September.

Parishioners are reminded that this Ministry is for them. If they or a family member are in need of our services, please let Pastor Andy or one of our members know what you need. Prayer Shawls/Lap Blankets are to comfort but also to rejoice (I gave one to my Mother when she celebrated her 100th birthday).

The closing reading was Proverbs 16:9, and we adjourned at 10:30 a.m. Our next meeting is scheduled for Friday, November 4, 2016, at 10:00 a.m. come and join us.

Val Colasuonno
Vice President Prayer Shawl Ministry
"May God Hold You in the Palm of His Hand"





November is just around the corner and with it comes time change, the Junior Choir singing twice: November 20 and Thanksgiving morning at 8:30. What a wonderful way to start all of the planning, excitement and celebrating with family and friends!

Trinity will be celebrating Christ the King Sunday with millions of other Christians on November 20th. This is always one of my personal favorite celebrations of the church. And so the Junior Choir will be singing a song you have heard before and the children just love: "The King of Glory". The reason I like the song is because it tells the story of Jesus' life from birth to death and resurrection! If you are in the congregation and know the song, please feel free to sing along with us.

Our Junior Choir this year is one of the smallest groups we have had for years. So if you are in grades 1-6, won't YOU join us? It's easy! We rehearse each Sunday morning for just 15 minutes before Sunday School. For such a small practice time, we have a marvelous group of singers. We sing the third Sunday of each month and Thanksgiving morning at 8:30 AM and Christmas Eve at 6:00 PM. We meet in the choir room which is located in the basement of the church near the Fellowship Hall and the Sunday School rooms next to it. Have any questions? Please feel free to call the Office and leave a message for me. I'll be looking forward to hearing from you.

A joyous and blessed season of fall.

Love and blessings in abundance,

Mrs. Schmidt

Sunday School News

"All this I have spoken while with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. Peace I leave with you: my peace I give you. I do not give you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid. John 14:25 - 27

The Holy Spirit teaches God's people all things: "No man can say that Jesus is the Christ but by the Holy Spirit" -or- "God be merciful to me a sinner". God's goodness and omnipotence are clearly manifested in all of creation. These are only revealed to us in the Bible, and so that we cannot know them until the Spirit opens our eyes to perceive them. Jesus Christ said "Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid". Charles Haddon Spurgeon expressed this in his own words: "To wear in your buttonhole that little flower called '*heart's ease*', and to have the jewel of contentment in your bosom — this is heaven begun below: godliness is great gain to him that hath it".

We are well into our fall semester lessons. Our teachers are working hard to present lessons that will lead our children to grow in faith. It is a great pleasure to see the excitement our children have learning. Students and teachers please remember to wear your new, *Rally Day* T-shirt every third Sunday. As your faith leads you, please give support through offerings, donations and memorials. This will enable us to continue to purchase supplies needed for teaching our children.

On November 27th during the 90th Anniversary service at 10:00 AM we will wear our "Rally Day" T-shirts and sing "Jesus Loves Me" & "Jesus Loves the Little Children". During the 10:00 AM service on Sunday, December 18th we will sing some songs. In preparation for Advent we will purchase "Faith Guides" and Christmas calendars to help our students learn about the season.

Please remember "UR Important 2 US" every third Sunday; if you wish, donate peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, bottles of water, packaged snacks and warm socks. Our next Sunday will be November 20th. Come join us the Saturday before at 9:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall to make PB&J. Also, remember throughout the year to bring in \$3.00 dime folders or other donations for Cathedral Kitchen to help them feed the poor. Again this year we will be giving blankets as Christmas presents to the homeless through "UR Important 2 US". If you would like to help, please donate \$10.00 towards the purchase of a blanket. These blankets are specifically manufactured for the homeless. These oversized cot blankets provide full coverage and are made of 100% Polyester fleece, super soft and ultra-thermal.

I must continue to emphasize that the future of our children is of utmost importance. They need help and guidance to develop their faith. Volunteers are needed to teach, support our youth group and other programs. If you are interested in helping at any level please contact me.

Blessings to all in the name our Lord Jesus!

Carl Nagel

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November 6- ALL SAINTS DAY
2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17
STANDING FIRM AND HOLDING FAST TO THE FAITH

November 13 -The 26th Sunday After Pentecost
2 Thessalonians 3:6-13
THE BLESSEDNESS OF BUSYNESS

November 20- CHRIST THE KING / Last Sunday After Pentecost
Luke 23:33-43
WHO'S YOUR GOD?

November 24- THANKSGIVING DAY
Psalms 100
'SOUL' FOOD

November 27- The 1st Sunday of Advent
Romans 13:11-14
"BEAT" THE CLOCK

December 4- The 2nd Sunday of Advent
Pastor Andy on Vacation
Pastor Jack Slotterback to Supply

December 11- The 3rd Sunday of Advent
James 5:7-10
"WAITING" ON THE LORD!

December 18- The 4th Sunday of Advent
Matthew 1:18-25
AND THEY NAMED HIM JESUS

December 24- THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD/ CHRISTMAS EVE
Christmas Eve Family Service
Titus 2:11-14
WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE GIFT

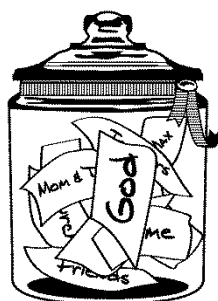
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Titus 2: 11-14
THE GIFT OF BLESSED HOPE

December 25- CHRISTMAS DAY
Titus 3:4-7
HEIRS OF ETERNAL LIFE



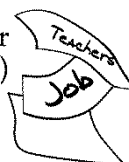
BLESSINGS JAR

Thanksgiving reminds us of our many gifts from God. Count your blessings all month long with this craft.



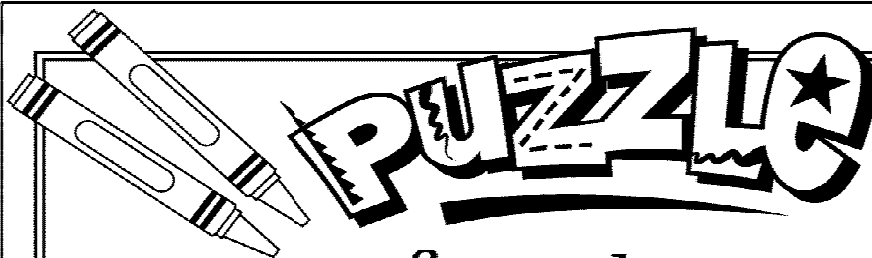
What you need:

- Jar
- Ribbon
- Scissors
- Glue
- 3 sheets of paper (different colors)
- Marker or pen



What you do:

1. Measure and cut enough ribbon to wrap around the jar's neck, below the lid. Glue in place and let dry.
2. Fold each piece of paper in half three times, resulting in eight rectangles per sheet. Cut along the fold lines, and you'll have 24 rectangles.
3. Each day in November until Thanksgiving, write down one blessing from God. Then place that blessing in the jar.
4. On Thanksgiving, open the jar and read all your blessings to your family and friends.



Blessings from the Lord

Throughout the Bible, God blesses his chosen people. How can we receive these gifts?

Directions: In the word search, find all the words in the box. Then write the words in the correct order on the blanks below to complete the verse.

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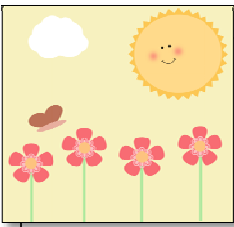
28:2, NIV

Answer: "All these blessings will come on you and accompany you if you obey the LORD your God." Deuteronomy 28:2, NIV



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Sunshine Class News

The Sunshine Class meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 12 PM.

Our next meeting will be on November 8th at 12:00 p.m.
The hostesses will be Carolyn Brad Lore and Marie Lydon.

Our group gave a monetary contribution to the 90th Anniversary Celebration of Trinity Lutheran Church. Those who attended the celebration had a delicious meal. We then went upstairs for a hymn sing and a special recognition of Florence Adler's 65th Anniversary as our organist and the dedication of banners in honor of Florence Adler. We were given an Anniversary Program with the History of Trinity Lutheran from 1926 to 2016.

Many members of the Sunshine Class are involved in other Ministries—
Everyone is welcome! Won't you join us?

Mary Blasko,
Secretary, Sunshine Class



The Handbell Choir has all new music they are working on and a few challenges. Some of the men are playing double parts due to the illness of Sam Spino. We also said goodbye to Sherry Stroup who moved away and welcome to Kim Connors. We hope to perform "Built On the Rock" soon.



*Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family
and friends of those listed.*

On September 28, 2016
ATHENA D. LaPENNA (69)
of Woolwich, NJ

On October 16, 2016
CHRIS A. BARRY (56)
of Bellmawr, NJ

On October 3, 2016
ROSS R. REBERT (82)
of Lindenwold, NJ

On October 18, 2016
MARILYN "MAR" F. WEARSHING (80)
of Sewell, NJ



1 - Jean Kennedy
 1 - Dana Staino
 2 - Mary Griffin
 6 - Lorie Ann Medlar
 7 - Joanne Thornley
 7 - Ed Ward, Jr.
 9 - Susan Hobgen
 9 - Harry Rivell, Jr.
 11 - Emily Wright
 12 - Mark Harris, Jr.
 12 - William Guenette
 12 - Julia Dixon
 13 - Ronald Palmer, III
 15 - Darren Jankowski
 15 - Janet Lott
 16 - Erin Collins
 17 - Colin Doms
 17 - Alexia Glaze
 17 - Elizabeth Zipf
 18 - Julia Schaffer
 18 - Gina DeValerio
 20 - Connor Hartzell
 20- Alana Ficarro
 21 - Ashley Cundiff
 22 - Teresa Schaffer
 22 - Lisa Epley-Ramtahal
 22 - Cindy Spino
 22 - Ruthann Quintavalle
 23 - Dolores Keller
 23 - Joann Strater
 24 - Cathy Daly
 25- Marie Lydon
 26 - Karen Theisen
 26 - Samantha (Spino) Higginbotham
 26 - Cecelia Carter
 27 - Austin Hui
 28 - Bob Quinton
 28 - John Thatcher
 29 - Paula Gift
 29 - Skyler Ludwick



1- Alexander & Gina Amato
 1 - Dennis & Susan Raebiger
 5 - Elaine & Paul Ranck, Jr.
 6 - John & Mary Griffin
 8 - Michael & Andrea Willis
 9 - Russ & Joanne Thornley
 11 - Brandon & Christine McAllister
 18 - Joseph & Donna Lux
 22 - Jim & Nancy Fenton
 27 - Andrew & Cherie Richards



On October 9, 2016

CHARLOTTE ELIZABETH HARRIS

Daughter of Matthew & Kelly Harris
of Runnemede, NJ

Born: July 22, 2016



On September 17, 2016

Lindsay Nicole Cundiff

to

Thomas David James

On October 1, 2016

Samantha Amanda Spino

to

Alfred John Higginbotham III