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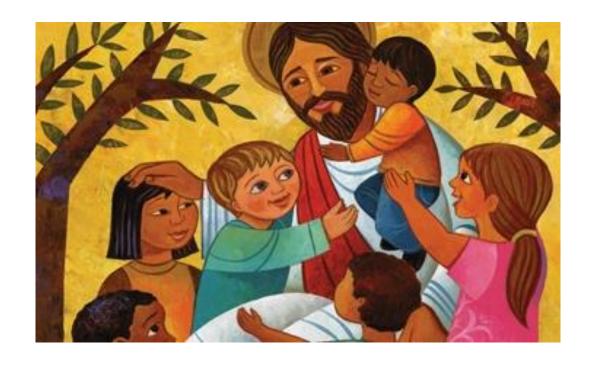
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6th Sunday of Easter, May 5th, 2024 at 9:30 a.m.

Holy Communion



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Welcome to Christ the King Episcopal Church

Welcome to Christ the King Episcopal Church in Willingboro, NJ, a vibrant and growing Episcopal parish in Willingboro, Burlington County, New Jersey. Over the past 60 years, the fabric of Christ the King has been woven by the Spirit from the lives and gifts of diverse people; their desire to live their faith through worship, service, study, and stewardship; and the ever-evolving life of Burlington County itself.

Our parish is guided by its mission to share God's love for all people. Together we seek to build relationships with one another and with our neighbors, to cultivate compassion, to deepen our knowledge and spiritual practices, to work for justice rooted in essential human dignity, and to live as conscientious contributors to the life of our city and the Anglican Communion worldwide. As we grow together in service and love, we know ourselves, first and foremost, as followers of Jesus.

We are delighted to welcome you today; thank you for the gift of your participation and prayers. If you are new to Christ the King, please introduce yourself to a member of the clergy or one of the Ushers.

Meditation: In The Presence of Jehovah

Processional Hymn #400 – All Creatures of our God and King.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

The Celebrant say,

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

Gloria: LEVAS 243 Glory to God

Glory, Glory, hallelujah, Lord we praise your Holy name,

Glory, Glory hallelujah, Lord we praise your Holy name.

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,

You take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;

You are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,

You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.

Glory, Glory, hallelujah, Lord we praise your Holy name, Glory, Glory hallelujah, Lord we praise your Holy name.

Amen.

The Collect of the Day:

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Liturgy of the Word

A Reading from Acts 10:44-48..... Carolyn Booker

⁴⁴While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. ⁴⁵The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, ⁴⁶for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, ⁴⁷"Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" ⁴⁸So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

Reader The Word of the Lord. *People: Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 98.....Carolyn Booker

1 Sing to the Lord a new song, * for he has done marvelous things.

- 2 With his right hand and his holy arm * has he won for himself the victory.
- 3 The Lord has made known his victory; * his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
- 4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, * and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.
- 5 Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; * lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
- 6 Sing to the Lord with the harp, * with the harp and the voice of song.
- 7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn * shout with joy before the King, the Lord.
- 8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, * the lands and those who dwell therein.
- 9 Let the rivers clap their hands, * and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord, when he comes to judge the earth.
- 10 In righteousness shall he judge the world * and the peoples with equity.

Celebrant and People:

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit as it was in the beginning, it is now, and forevermore. Amen.

Reading from 1 John 5:1-6..... Sarah Smith

¹Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. ²By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey

his commandments. ³For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, ⁴for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. ⁵Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

⁶This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth

Reader The Word of the Lord. People Thanks be to God.

Sequence Anthem:..... O, I Love Him...... Praise Choir

Sequence Hymn - Come We That Love The Lord L# 12

The Gospel

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

⁹As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

¹²"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another. (John 15:9-17)

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Alleluia, God is With Us

Sermon......The Rev. Vernal Savage

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

All remain standing.

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence:

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For [N. our Presiding Bishop, and N. (N.) our Bishop(s); and for] all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence:

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence:

We will exalt you, O God our King.

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence:

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them.

Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept.

Leader and People

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Celebrant:

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

The Peace

All stand.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Peace Hymn: Ev'rytime I Feel The Sprit...... LEVAS # 114

Announcements

Offertory Sentence

O Lord our God, you are worthy to receive glory and honor and power; because you have created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being. Revelation 4:11

Offertory Anthem...... SAVEDPraise Choir

Offertory Hymn #91 We Plow The Fields.

Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *People It is right to give him thanks and praise.*

Celebrant proceeds:

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of hosts.

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant continues:

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you

sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world.

In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People:

We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with [_____ and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. AMEN.

People and Celebrant:

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, forever and ever. Amen."

Fraction Anthem [LEVAS 268] Christ Our Passover (BCP p. 364)

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Christ our passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore, let us keep the feast.

Christ our passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore, let us keep the feast.

Christ our passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore, let us keep the feast.

Sanctus: [LEVAS 269] Lamb Of God

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:

Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:

Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:

Grant us peace.

Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Distribution

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [Amen]

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. [Amen] Grant us peace.

Communion Hymn – Let Us Break Bread Together. (LEVAS 152)

Ablution Song - Hallelu

Post-Communion Prayer

Celebrant and People:

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Priest, gives the blessing

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. Amen.

Retiring Hymn In Christ There Is No East or West- L#62

Dismissal:

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Thank you, Lord, Thank you, Lord, Thank you, Lord I just want to thank you, Lord. Vs. 2. Been so good, Vs. 3 Been my friend

Announcements - News - Thoughts

6th Sunday of Easter, May 5th, 2024 JOIN US FOR SERVICE EVERY SUNDAY AT 09:30AM PUBLIC WORSHIP HAS BEEN RESUMED

CHRIST THE KING EPISCOPAL CHURCH SERVICE ON YOUTUBE & ZOOM:

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PLEASE SAVE THE LINK TO SIGN IN EVERY SUNDAY AT 09:30 AM

Tuesday Bible Studies 7:00pm Zoom

We finished the Lenten study, People of the Passion by Dr. Cathy Randall on witnesses to the crucifixtion and resurrection of our Lord. It was challenging to ask, what about yourself did you see in Mary, Mother of Jesus, Mary Magdalene, Peter, Pontius Pilate, Nicodemus and finally Judas. Join us this week as we seek to understand God's Word.

Wednesday Prayer Meeting:

Join us on Wednesday nights for prayer service on Zoom at 7:15pm. Wednesday Prayer Meetings are now on Zoom (Using the Church Zoom Link):

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86374035494?pwd=R3lrV1ZMTG5pUE9zZnlldngyNTZTdz09

Meeting ID: 863 7403 5494; Password: 007431.

We have an extensive prayer list that includes the sick and shut-in, grief, war and violence, and other categories. You can add names to our list by placing names in the box in the prayer alcove, located in the back of the church, by email ctk@christthekingnj.org or call 609.877.2992, or by contacting one of the prayer group members: Diane, Helen, Linda, Sarah, Carolyn, Martha or Pastor Savage. Contact the Church Office for contact information of the names on the prayer list.

Our Father of mercies and God of all comfort, our only help in time of need. We humbly beseech thee to behold, visit, and relieve thy sick servants below for whom our prayers are desired. Look upon them with the eyes of thy mercy; comfort them with a sense of thy goodness; preserve them from the temptations of thy enemy; and give them patience under their affliction. In thy good time, restore them to health, and enable them to lead the residue of their life in thy fear, and to thy glory; and grant that finally they may dwell with thee in life everlasting; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Men Of Christ the King Monthly Meeting

The MOCTK monthly meeting is held the second Saturday of every month at 10.00am on Zoom. All the Men of Christ the King are members of this group and are expected to attend. Next meeting is May 11, 2024, at 10.00am.

Zoom ID: 818-7152-9383, Password: 359999

Give Easily from Here:

Click <u>here</u> give now to make a donation or make your contributions to Christ the King Episcopal Church, Willingboro, New Jersey at any time, even if you are on vacation. You will receive an email confirmation for your transaction.

Emergency Contact Information:

All parishioners wanting to add an emergency contact to the church's directory, please write the contact's name and number and put it in the collection plate. This information will be kept PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL.

Life Group Ministries

The Women's Life Group has resumed meetings on Thursdays, 3:00-4:15 PM. We invite any women interested to call with questions or for information. Carolyn Booker 412-337-2576.

Looking To Join the Altar Guild Ministry?

We are looking for new volunteers; men and women, to join us in preparing the sanctuary for Sunday services. All are welcome to come and learn about this labor of love! Please call Linda Anderson at 609-760-1050 for more information. Thank you!

May Birthdays:

04th - Sharon Scott-Rogers

06th - Ivana Lockett

22nd - Florence James

23rd - Debra Adkins

24th – Martha Johnson

24th - Daphne Scott

29th - Kenrick Mitchell

The People's Sermon Preaching Cohorts

I am desirous of working for the improvement of preaching within Christ the King and inviting you to consider to be part of an initiative to be part of cohorts of 4-6 congregational teams (a priest/deacon/along with 3-6 congregation members) who gather with professor Shauna Hanna via zoom six times over 2 months. Participant evaluations suggest that the cohorts benefit individuals and congregations in a variety of ways. They have begun to:

- understand what preaching is and why we do it,
- develop more creative and participatory Bible studies,
- prompt congregation members to listen to sermons in new ways,
- equip lay preachers within congregations.

If this is of interest to you, please do not hesitate to speak with Rev. Fr. Vernal Savage to participate.

The Episcopal Church Women - Women's Day

The ECW will be celebrating Women's Day on Sunday June 9, 2024 at Christ the King Church 9:30 am. Our Guest Speaker will be Kimme Carlos, Speaker, Author, Advocate on Mental Health and Social Justice. She is the proud daughter of Dr. John W. Carlos, 1968 Olympian and civil rights activist.

Please join us and invite your family and friends.

The ECW will be having their monthly meeting this Sunday May 5, 2024 on Zoom.

Join Zoom Meeting

https://us06web.zoom.us/j/5171022652?pwd=ejdJTjV1N2E1V2N NbEdaS3F1bENNUT09&omn=83088986161

Meeting ID: 517 102 2652

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The Community Law Day - Thank you!

I would like to extend my thanks and appreciation to all who turned out yesterday, May 4th, 2024, to attend the Community Law Day Session. I hope you will take advantage of the outcome as we look forward to working with them in the near future.

The Beautification Committee

The Beautification Committee is asking for donations of Mulch, Soil, Flowers, Vegetables, Cash, etc. Any question, Please contact Helen Baylock @ (609) 440-3742.

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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

It is the mission of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. to enhance the quality of life for women and their families in the U.S. and globally through community service, civil, and social action. Our goal is to achieve greater progress in the areas of education, health awareness, and leadership development. Our members, affiliates, staff, and community partners work to create and support initiatives that align with our vision.



Epsilon Zeta Sigma Alumnae Chapter Scholarship Application Scholarship amounts are \$1922, \$1000, and \$750.

The Epsilon Zeta Sigma Chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. provides scholarship aid to students, regardless of race or sex, in pursuit of higher education.

The minimum requirements:

- Acceptance at an accredited two-year or four-year college or university.
- 2. Minimum "B" average.
- 3. Demonstrated community service.

The following documents must be submitted with the completed application:

- 1. Most recent official sealed high school transcript.
- An essay highlighting the applicant's achievements, goals, extracurricular activities, and community service, with a minimum of 500 words.
- 3. Two (2) letters of reference. Examples of suitable references include teacher, counselor, pastor, employer, or another individual familiar with the applicant's academic abilities and character.
- 4. A copy of the applicant's official ACT or SAT scores.
- 5. A copy of the applicant's official acceptance letter to the two or fouryear accredited university that the applicant will attend.
- 6. A copy of the applicant's fall 2024 semester course schedule. If you do not have your course schedule when you submit your application, please indicate when you will receive your schedule.

DEADLINE: APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY June 1, 2024

Please mail the completed application and required documents to:

Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. Epsilon Zeta Sigma Chapter PO Box 507 Burlington, NJ 08016 Attn: Scholarship Committee

Applications received after June 1, 2024 will not be reviewed. Please allow enough time for delivery. Incomplete application packets will not be reviewed. All provided information will remain strictly confidential and used exclusively for the purposes of evaluation. Email maryrleach@gmail.com with questions.

Scholarship recipients will be notified via mail or email. Funds will not be released until we receive a copy of your fall 2024 course schedule.

241st Diocesan Convention Call for Nominations May 2024

To the Clergy and Congregations of the Diocese of New Jersey:

I would like to call your attention to the upcoming nominations for the offices at the 241st Annual Convention to be held in November 2024.

In accordance with Canon 5, Section 3 of the Constitutions and the Canons of the Diocese of New Jersey, a list of the offices to be filled by election at the 241st Diocesan Convention, the Nomination Recommendation Form as well as a list of the Nominating Committee members will be available on the Diocesan website.

The Nominating Committee requests that the clergy and lay leadership of each of our churches, review the lists of offices to be filled by election, publicize them to their congregations, and recommend candidates appropriate for those offices.

We continue to be very thankful for those who have served the Diocese in the past and may choose to serve again. We also welcome and encourage those who have not served before to consider serving in one or more of the open positions.

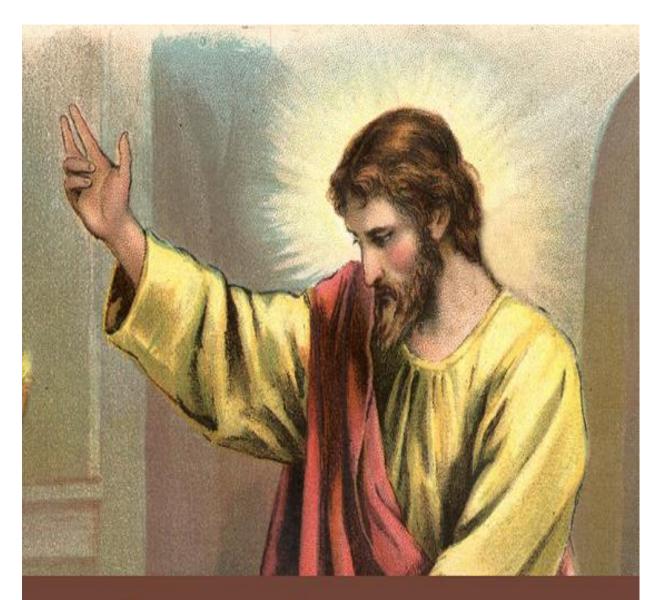
Please complete the Nomination Recommendation Form for persons whom you have recommended or for yourself. Submit it to the address at the bottom of the form or complete it online here: http://www.formstack.com/forms/?408210-fFQ7hk5oRm. The deadline for submission is August 15th.

Please provide a statement of qualification in 75-words or less (or advise that this will be supplied by the nominee), as this statement is not provided by the committee. All names submitted will be placed in the nomination process and will be subject to confirmation of eligibility. You can make copies of the nomination form. It is also available online at 241st Diocesan Convention page. Please make this material known and available to your congregation.

Feel free to contact me or any member of the Nominating Committee with any questions or concerns.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve. We look forward to assisting you in whatever way possible for this important part of our life in the Diocese of New Jersey.

Yours In Christ, Chip+ The Rev. Dr. Chip Graves Nominating Committee Chair Diocese of New Jersey



Anyone who receives my commandments and keeps them will be one who loves me; John 4:21