

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL ANNOUNCEMENTS July 20, 2025

Questions, links: Contact Ms. Amanda Paredes at cccspfld@gmail.com or 413-736-2742

SUMMER SERVICES - For the months of July and August our Sunday services will be held in our air-conditioned undercroft. As a result, we will only be livestreaming to our Facebook page. The service will be put on our YouTube channel later in the week.

AFGHAN FAMILY NEEDS YOUR HELP - The Cathedral and St. Mark's church have been helping the Khan family since their arrival from Afghanistan in late 2021. As soon as Afzal received his Work Authorization card, he started working at American Saw. He has been working there, full-time, since 2022. Every 2 years, Work authorization cards have to be renewed. The expiration date on Afzal's card is MAY 4th. He has an Immigration Attorney helping on the case, but since April 1st, his card has been "In Process" status. As of May 4th, Afzal can no longer work; it would be illegal to do so. **So, this hard working father of 6 children is now out of work.** We are asking our Church Family to look into their hearts (and wallets) to see if you can make a donation toward the family's \$1700 monthly rent. At the same time, please pray that Afzal's Work Authorization will be renewed.

HELP NEEDED! Christ Church has been responsible for serving the Loaves and Fishes lunch the first and second Wednesdays of the month for over 25 years. A few of our helpers are retiring next month and we need replacements. It involves coming to the Cathedral at 10am, making the sandwiches and lunch items, and you are finished by 12 noon. You can volunteer for only 1 of the weeks or for both. You might be asked to buy some of the food for which you would be reimbursed. Please contact Susan Forrest at 413-244-0622 via text or call for more information or if you would like to sign up. It is a very rewarding volunteer service.

JUNE 2025 CATHEDRAL FINANCES - Projected 2025 Budget shortfall: \$44,300
Financial Position as of May 31, 2025:

- Revenue YTD: **\$304,042**
- Expenses YTD: **\$247,854**

Revenue minus expenses = **\$56,188 surplus**

If you are 72 years of age (or older) and are required to take Distributions from your IRA, you can make a Distribution directly to the Cathedral. This is a Win-Win – the Cathedral receives the donation (your pledge) and you don't have to pay taxes on the distribution. Questions? Ask Laura Manship 413.275.4587, or send her an email at Treasurer@cccspfld.org.

VOLUNTEER NEEDED! - Christ Church Cathedral is in need for someone who could assist us with our IT needs. We are looking for a technology-minded individual to volunteer a few hours a month to helping us update, install and maintain all of our Information Technology Systems here at the church. If you know of anyone who might be interested, please contact us today to learn more about this exciting volunteer opportunity.

THE PRAYER TEAM IS BACK! We have resumed this important ministry at the 10 am Service. During July and August, we will continue 'on duty' in the space behind the Altar in the undercroft. The Prayer Team will be available on the second and the fourth Sundays. We look forward to praying with/for you.

WE ARE STILL COLLECTING MEAL KITS FOR SQUARE ONE! – Christ Church Cathedral is still collecting Meal Kits to send to Square One! Meal kits are items placed in a bag that will be given to parents. They should be non-perishables or items with an extended shelf life. Please consider donating today.

FLOWER DEDICATIONS- Donate flowers in memory of a loved one today! Send your dedication, along with your \$45 donation to the Main office, and we will call you to confirm placement! We still need dedications for 07/07/2025 and 11/23/2025

UPDATED CORI CHECKS 2025 - All of those who participate in the following need to have an updated CORI check to be able to engage in any ministries involving children: Sextons, secretaries, choir directors, Sunday school leaders, activity chaperones, nursery, J2A, confirmation mentors, acolyte trainers and adult acolytes, VBS, Christmas programs, ACTS, Drop In Center. Forms may be obtained from Delphine Williams or the office and must be returned with a copy of a valid ID in a sealed envelope.

DONATIONS NEEDED AT THE DROP-IN CENTER! We ALWAYS need individual snacks and bottles of water! Please clean out your closets and bring in SHOES; sneakers and boots, etc.. We are also looking for NEW underwear, in all sizes for both men and women. For more information, contact the CCC Main office at 413-736-2742 or Jeanne Conrad at jeanne@conrad.us.com.

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE CLASSES There is an English class for beginners at the Cathedral that meets on Sundays after the 12:15 mass, around 2 pm until 3:30. The curriculum includes conversation and listening practice as well as reading and writing. For more information, call or text Sara at 413-454-7172 or speak with her after the 12:15 Spanish mass.

BIBLE STUDY Weekly on zoom, Sunday morning 9:00am, Wednesday morning 8:00am, Saturday evening 5:00 pm. Links and more information are available through the office.

CENTERING PRAYER weekly on zoom, Saturday morning at 10:30. Lectio Divino with a guided meditation every week. Links and more information are available through the office.

BOOK CLUB - meets via Zoom every 6 weeks or so. Next Meeting: Monday, August 4, 2025, at 7:00 pm, via zoom. The book is **"Seven Gothic Tales" by Isak Dinesen** For links and more information contact Laura Manship at laura@shouldertoshoulder.org