**RETIREMENT REFLECTIONS**

An Occasional Newsletter for the Retired Clergy/Spouses of the

Diocese of New Jersey

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March 2022

**LEAVING A LEGACY**

**ZOOM GATHERING ON MARCH 30TH AT 1:00 PM.**

Dear Friends,

We hope this Ember Day spring edition of the Retirement Reflections finds you all well and keeping saft. Thankfully COVID and Omicron seem to be declining in our state and mask wearing is becoming more optional. However, our diocese is still cautious about gathering together so the Diocesan House and the Bishop Matthews Conference Room is still closed for our lunches and programs. But…

Let’s Get Together

On Zoom

Wednesday, March 30th at 1:00pm.

Our guest this Embertide is the Rev. Christopher C. Moore who began his ministry among us here in New Jersey. An accomplished writer, Chris’s recent book is Soul Stages. He will lead us in a conversation about leaving a legacy, a stage many of us are in as retirees.

You must register to be a part of this Zoom.

The registration link and phone link for those of us without computer access is below.

We hope to see you all on March 30th.

 ----Bob and Sue

Zoom link:

<https://bit.ly/RetiredClergyMarch>

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The Rev. Christopher Chamberlin Moore, a former priest of the Diocese of New Jersey and author of the recently published *Soul Stages: Surviving and Thriving in the Second Half of Life,* will speak at the Retired Clergy, Spouses and Widows/ers gathering of the Diocese of New Jersey. on Wednesday, March 30, at 1:00 PM.

His talk, entitled “Living Soulfully While Leaving a Legacy,” will focus on the senior years as a time of living a meaningful, purposeful life. Moore believes our legacy is formed not only during our active working years but also in retirement. He will draw on Scripture and life experience to illustrate the “soul stages” of life, especially during the senior years.

Moore served parishes in Merchantville and Linden and served on the staff of the Diocese of New Jersey. He is the author of four books and currently serves at the Brandywine Collaborative Ministries of Wilmington, Delaware.



**Getting Help for Yourself and Others**

Two sources for help for caregivers and persons needing mental and spiritual help are available.

**Caregiver resources** are available from AARP including AARP’s community website (community.aarp.org) and the resource line open from 7 am-11pm Monday-Friday at 877-333-5885 (English) and 888-971-2013 (Spanish). AARP also publishes Prepare to Care, a guide that includes information on assessing a loved one’s needs, tips for organizing documents and tips on self-care. Available at aarp.org/njcaregiving or 877-333-5885.

**Episcopal Mental & Spiritual Health Crisis Ministry** offers confidential help and support for Episcopal clergy including retirees, spouses, widow/ers. Telephone calls to 609-365-9276 are answered within 24 hours. Their website features an array of resources at [www.njmindspirit.org](http://www.njmindspirit.org).

**Fraud alert from AARP** warns us to be alert to unsafe organizations who call us up and ask for donations of money. They suggest that we plan our annual charitable giving and stick to this. Never give based solely on a phone, mail, email, or online pitch. Whenever possible, donate directly to an organization and not through a telemarketer or third-party solicitation. Research charities before contributing. Look for how much of your contribution will be used for program services. Verify charities to be sure they are legitimate.

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We congratulate Brian Burgess on his election as Bishop of the Diocese of Springfield, Ill. We welcome Richard Civalier, a retired priest in Deptford, who has been appointed by Bishop Stokes as the new chaplain to the retired clergy and spouses in the Woodbury Convocation. Thank you, Rick, for joining us chaplains in this important ministry in our Diocese of New Jersey. We also thank Don and Lynn Muller as they leave our diocese for a new home in the Scranton, PA., area. The opportunity to serve as chaplain to the Atlantic Convocation is open. For more information, please call the Legnani’s at 856-393-8630.