



The Forerunner

The Newsletter of St. John's Episcopal Church

April 2012

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The Pastor's Ponderings

The season of Lent is drawing to a close. I hope that your Lenten practice or discipline has proven beneficial and that you are looking forward to Easter with a renewed spirit. We are standing at the edge of the most intense liturgical week of the Christian Year. Holy Week marks Jesus' journey from the triumphal entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday to the Crucifixion. Even though after 20 centuries we know the ending, we cannot help but experience the emotions of Holy Week. I am of the opinion that one cannot truly understand the power of Easter without journeying through the events of Holy Week. I hope that you will avail yourself of the opportunities to gather for the liturgies of this special time.

I must confess that I have felt extremely blessed this Lent. Rosie has been recovering from her heart surgery much better than I would have expected. Her sister, Cheryl, provided weeks of care, watchfulness and healthy meals supplemented by offerings from our own St. John's congregation and our neighbors. We are grateful for the prayers, concern, cards, and of course healthy suggestions, as we embrace our new life.

Another blessing has been the mild winter. I must admit that my own Alleluias cannot wait to explode out of their imprisonment. This will be a joyous Easter indeed.

Some weeks ago I issued an invitation on behalf of the Church to the observance of a Holy Lent. I invite you now to share in the joyous celebration of Easter, and to proclaim with one voice, the greeting of the Easter Season: "Alleluia, Christ is risen! The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!"

Joyfully,

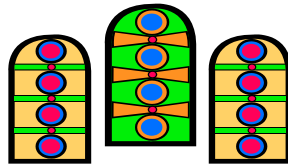
Fr. Steve



In 1912, as Charles Austin Miles grabbed his Bible, it opened to John 20. Reading the account of Mary Magdalene outside the garden tomb where Jesus' body had been laid, Miles felt powerfully that he was there. Inspired, he quickly wrote the poem "In the Garden" and later composed the music.

This hymn might seem sentimental and trite, if understood to refer to just any garden. But the song takes on profound meaning when recognized as Mary's personal encounter with the living Lord.

*And he walks with me, and he talks with me,
And he tells me I am his own,
And the joy we share as we tarry there,
None other has ever known!*



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THE DEADLINE for the May issue of the Forerunner is April 25th



FROM THE SENIOR WARDEN

On the Third Sunday in Lent, March 11, the Old Testament reading was Exodus, Chapter 20, verses 1 through 17. This reading is one that many may remember from as far back as Sunday school and pertains to God telling his people that they shall have no other gods before him, they shall remember the Sabbath day, keep it holy and shall do no work.

Man sometimes takes God's law to another level and adds his own twist upon it. In 1874, a statute on "Vice and Immorality" was passed in the State of New Jersey that prohibited, among other things, the following activities on Sunday: no playing, dancing, singing, fiddling or other music of merriment, no football, or other kind of playing, sports or pastimes, no selling of fruit, herbs, meat, fish or other goods, no catching of fish or hunting. All this shall be fined at the sum of fourteen dollars per offense.

I'm not sure what happened to New Jersey's law, it sure seems to have fallen by the way side. However, that's OK... I think I'll strive to stay within the bounds God set in Exodus instead.

The latest word from our Minister of Music, Bill Clisham, is that donations are coming into the new Music Fund. Whether you give an extra dollar, five dollars or fifty dollars, Thank You! It looks as if there will be brass accompaniment on Easter morning to celebrate Christ's resurrection. Please note that this is an ongoing fund and your giving remains important so that we may have other special music on other future events.

Have you driven by St. John's lately? It is obvious that spring has sprung! Our church grounds are studded with bulbs in flower and deciduous shrubs blooming. We are reaping the benefit of many years of work by the Buildings and Grounds Committee, plus those who regularly tend our plantings. GREAT JOB!

Speaking of great jobs, special thanks this month goes to Marge Warren, our church's secretary. It has come to my attention that over the course of

2011, Marge consciously took advantage of special savings offered by our supplier of office materials and saved St. John's almost \$450. THANK YOU, MARGE.

Ron Magill
Senior Warden

MUSIC MINISTRY NOTES

The **Junior Choristers** will *not* rehearse on Palm Sunday (April 1) or Easter Sunday (April 8). We will have our final rehearsals of the season on April 15 & 22 following the 10:30 liturgy. The Junior Choristers will sing an anthem: "Feed My Lambs", accompanied by flutes and organ, during the 10:30 liturgy on "Good Shepherd Sunday", April 29, This will be their final musical offering for the season.

Bill Clisham

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BLESSINGS
ON YOUR
BIRTHDAY
AND ANNIVERSARY

Happy Birthday

04/07 Tyler Van Sant
04/08 Liam Dyer
04/09 Eunice Miller
04/11 Esther Weeks
04/15 Suzanne Schultz/Maloney
04/24 Larry Owen

Happy Anniversary

04/10/1976 Bill Pankonien and Peggy Fittabile
04/11/1992 David and Eileen Miller
04/25/1987 Joe and Judy Kimber

WORSHIP SCHEDULE
for
Holy
WEEK

PALM SUNDAY – APRIL 1:

8 a.m. – Holy Eucharist and Blessing of the Palms in the Chapel

10:30 am - Blessing of the Palms in the Parish Hall with Procession to the church followed by Holy Eucharist and the reading of the Passion Gospel

MONDAY- APRIL 2:

Noon – Holy Eucharist in the Chapel

TUESDAY – APRIL 3:

Noon – Holy Eucharist in the Chapel

WEDNESDAY – APRIL 4:

Noon- Holy Eucharist and Healing in the Chapel
7 p.m. Service of Tenebrae at Our Merciful Savior Church in Penns Grove

MAUNDY THURSDAY – APRIL 5:

7 p.m. Holy Eucharist and Stripping of the Altar

GOOD FRIDAY – APRIL 6:

12 Noon – Good Friday Liturgy in the Chapel
12 Noon to 3 p.m. Community Good Friday Service at Haven United Methodist Church
7 p.m. Good Friday Liturgy in the Church

HOLY SATURDAY – APRIL 7:

6 p.m. Easter Vigil and lighting of the Paschal Candle and the First Eucharist of Easter

EASTER SUNDAY – APRIL 8:

ONE SERVICE at 10 am in the Church followed by a First Communion Brunch in the Parish Hall. Main course provided, bring a dish to share. An Easter Egg Hunt will also be held during the fellowship hour.



Our prayers are with the family of
Charles M. Miller, Jr.
who entered eternal life on Tuesday, March 27th.

May his soul and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

from THE DIOCESE'S WEBSITE



With the blessing and support of Bishop Council and Diocesan Council, the Diocese of New Jersey is undertaking a *Nets For Life Campaign*.

We hope to purchase 10,000 nets at \$12 each — a goal of \$120,000 — which includes education and community work for successful use of the nets. Launched at Diocesan Convention on March 2, 2012, that campaign will continue through Convention 2013.

We have a head start to \$120,000! In 2011, we raised funds for 1400 nets. And at the 228th Convention, 500 nets were added through contributions at the the Convention Eucharist offering. That's almost one-fifth of the goal ! Start planning your church's participation. [Have a look at this video](#). Then head over to inspirationfund.org where you'll find all sorts of resources, from a service leaflet insert to a sample letter to the editor. There's even [a quick video that shows how to make pipe cleaner mosquitoes](#).

We're excited to join together as a diocese to achieve a greater good, to spread the love of Christ in the world by preventing the spread of malaria.

NOTE: *More information as to how St. John's can contribute on a parish level will appear in May's newsletter and in the Sunday Bulletins.*

FIRST COMMUNION ON EASTER

Several of our youngest members will receive the Holy Eucharist for their first time on Easter Sunday. They are Christopher and Nathan Willis, Emma Bailey, Avery Dunsee, Aden Dunsee and Laurel Norton.

A brunch will be served in the parish hall following the church service. The main course will be provided and you are asked to bring a side dish to share.

A NEW NURSERY ATTENDANT

Please welcome Alice D'Acciaio to St. John's Staff. She has been hired to serve as our nursery attendant. She is an experienced childcare provider and has been "approved" by the State of New Jersey. Her hours will be Sunday mornings from 9:15 am to 12:15 pm.

Archbishop of Canterbury to be Master of Magdalene College, Cambridge

Friday 16th March 2012

Archbishop Rowan Williams has today announced his acceptance of the position of Master of Magdalene College, Cambridge with effect from January 2013. He will therefore be stepping down from the office of Archbishop of Canterbury at the end of December 2012.

Dr. Williams' intentions have been conveyed to The Queen, who is Supreme Governor of the Church of England and who formally appoints the Archbishop of Canterbury.

Dr Williams will continue to carry out all the duties and responsibilities of the Archbishop of Canterbury, both for the Church of England and the Anglican Communion, until the end of the year. The Crown Nominations Commission will consider in due course the selection of a successor.

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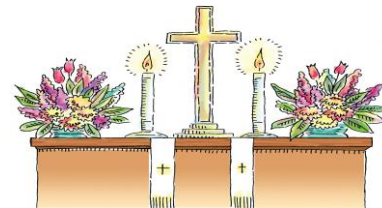
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ST. JOHN'S ADULT FORUM

The Adult Forum continues discussion of "Embracing the Prophets in Contemporary Culture," by Dr. Walter Brueggemann, a UCC minister and noted Old Testament scholar.

- Palm Sunday -Session V: The grief of loss as divine judgement
- April 15 - Session VI: The promissory language that breaks despair.

Bring your favorite Bible and explore how the Prophets confront not only issues in a long ago time, but in our own time.



2012 Altar Flowers

Thank you to everyone who is currently participating in St. John's tradition of requesting flowers "in memory of loved ones" or "in thanksgiving for a special occasion."

There are still several Sundays open in 2012. If any of the dates listed below have a special significance for you, please call DeeAnn Harris (935-3214) or the Parish Office (935-1798) to sign-up with your dedication.

Open Dates:

April 22
May 6
July 1, 15 & 29
Aug 12
Sept 23 & 30
Oct 7 & 14



Joel's missives will return in May.



Easter Flower Fund Request

To make a memorial donation for Easter flowers this year,
please complete the form below. Place your completed form
and donation in the Offering plate on Sunday
or mail it to:

St. John's Episcopal Church
76 Market Street, Salem, NJ 08079

Please make you **check payable to St. John's Episcopal Church.**
Please **write "Easter Flower Fund"** on the memo line of your check.

Deadline April 1st

Your Name: _____

Phone #: _____

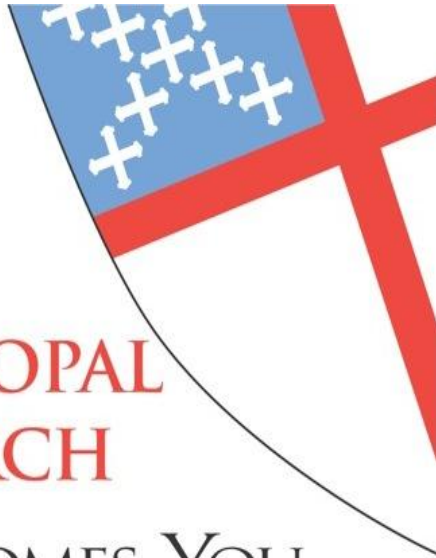
Amount donated and attached: _____

In memory of _____

OR

In thanksgiving for _____

Thank you for your participation in St. John's tradition of
Easter Flower Memorials.



THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

WELCOMES YOU

St. John's Episcopal Church Schedule

Sunday:

- 8 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I, in the Chapel
- 9:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Forum in Parish House
- 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II, in the Church

EASTER SUNDAY ONE SERVICE - 10 am

Wednesday:

- Noon Holy Eucharist, Rite II, in the Chapel



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