

The Parish Letter

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made and concerned themselves with nothing else, and they were the best shoemakers anywhere. These shoes not only **protected people's feet**, but they were comfortable and came in many different shapes and sizes. The people of the community knew intimately how well-crafted these shoes were and they were not only motivated *but driven* to ship these high quality shoes around the world. Their mission was to

Dear Beloved of Christ:

Many years ago, while finishing my undergraduate degree at Ball State University, I was invited to travel from Muncie, Indiana to Rockville, Indiana. A distance of 121 miles mostly through corn fields, past silos, and through amber caution lights at state road intersections. It was February, cold, and raining. I remember this trip vividly because I was **asked to come interview "right away" for my first job as a teacher at their Jr. Sr. High School; the position "unexpectedly came open and needed to be filled immediately."**

The windshield wipers kept perfect cadence the entire trip. I was just 21 and literally had no idea where I was going or what to expect. As I concentrated on driving between rain filled ruts left by 18-wheeled trucks, I tuned the radio to an AM station out of Chicago, a religious station that invited **"the best of" sermons to be broadcast.**

Now, of course, I was not a sermon aficionado or even a religious broadcast fanatic while an undergraduate. I believe my car stereo only played such great American and British classic rock groups as *Boston*; *Earth, Wind and Fire*; *The Doobie Brothers*; and *Fleetwood Mac*. But there was something about the tone and the story of this African-American evangelical preacher that grabbed and held my attention the remainder of the way.

His story was about a community that existed around a very large, urban factory. In that factory, the people made shoes, not just any shoes, but the finest shoes one could ever want to wear. They

see that everyone who had tired, blistered, poorly supported feet had at least one pair of the shoes that were constructed in that factory.

The evangelical preacher went on and on, his voice was not so much authoritative as it was convincing. As I rounded Indianapolis, he went on with his sermon. He shared how one day a visitor came to this town and how that visitor noticed that old and young alike were appropriately dressed for any occasion, but they wore no shoes. No one in this town of shoes wore any shoes themselves. So, he asked them about the shoes. Each in their own right knew a great deal about the quality of the shoes they made and even more about the benefit of wearing shoes as opposed to going barefoot. Even the children could tell you about the quality of product that was manufactured there but could not articulate why it is they themselves had no shoes on their feet.

The visitor would ask, **"Wouldn't it be good for you and your feet to wear shoes?"** They would answer, **"yes!"** However, each and everyone he asked about their exposure to pain, hardship, and eventual deformity, could not tell the visitor why it was they did not wear shoes. Some suggested that they could not be bothered. That shoes are only good for others, that they have not the time to locate, lace, and then attend to wearing their shoes. Some felt that the shoes, although beneficial to their overall foot health, were too restrictive. They all agreed how wonderfully beneficial shoes were to other people and how important it was for their shoes to be shipped around the world.



I wish I could identify who that evangelical preacher was that came across my Kenwood radio in February of 1982. If I could locate him, I would write him a letter of appreciation and invite him to be with us in Holy Eucharist. I imagine he is still preaching the Word of God today - just as we need to hear it, experience it, and be shaped by it.

Beloved of Christ, that was 1982, and many are still **wondering why it is we don't wear the shoes that we ourselves manufacture** for the benefit of the entire world? If salvation unto life eternal with Christ Jesus our Lord is of such direct benefit to us then it is of direct benefit to our children, grandchildren, in-laws and (yes!) even those we spend over forty-hours a week with laboring on behalf of a better, more just, and more profitable society. Why would we want our inheritance unto life eternal to be secure and not tell anyone of their inheritance as promised in our Lord Jesus Christ?

As a parish, we are entering into the most holy time of our Church Calendar. Our traversing Lent, Holy Week, Easter, Ascensiontide, and Pentecost invite not only the faithful to stand as witness to the passion, death, resurrection and ascension of Jesus Christ (those once and for all salvific acts by which we are saved from sin and death), but it also invites conversion of body, mind and soul. It invites others to be made into the image and likeness of Christ this side of the grave.

But we all, with open faces beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord. (II Corinthians 3:18)

Holy Eucharist being the gateway, the entrance, the sure and certain hope of the Resurrection unto eternal life, through our Lord Jesus Christ. Holy Eucharist is not something we do to appease an angry or disappointed God. After Baptism, Holy

Eucharist is the *one and only* saving act of God in the world He came to redeem. I am surprised that this parish is not demanding that I stand before our altar and offer the sacrifice of the Mass more often.

This is our opportunity to proclaim to the world that the people of God dwell here in Woodbury, New Jersey. It is our time to shatter all secular expectations being peddled by those who have *not yet the benefit of our Father's Holy Name*. They know who our Father is by the manner in which we keep the fast on Ash Wednesday, how we traverse a holy Lent, and how we dance in the light of the Resurrection during the fifty-days of Easter. Rather than leave them to cry-out and writhe in the streets, invite them in. If not us, then who? If not now, then when?



Many will try to overstimulate you with entertainment and a frenzy of life intended by the Prince of Darkness himself to keep you and your loved ones from entering into and benefitting from holy time and holy space. As we enter into Lent, Holy Week, Easter, Ascensiontide and Pentecost, be those who have a story to tell; be those who have need to break bread together; and be those who understand that the community of the resurrection is single minded in its mission. We know of no other way to bring all our lives to Christ except by the prayer and labors of His holy Church.

Thank you for calling Christ Church your parish home. I look forward to being a very tired but joyful priest, only for it being demanded of me by your faithfulness before the altar of God.

In the peace of God, which passeth all understanding;

Fr. Brian K. Burgess, Rector

Ash Wednesday



March 6th

The right beginning of repentance and a holy Lent

Holy Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes
at 10:00 AM

Choral Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes
(w/incense) at 7:00 PM

Remember, man, that thou art dust, and to dust thou shalt return.

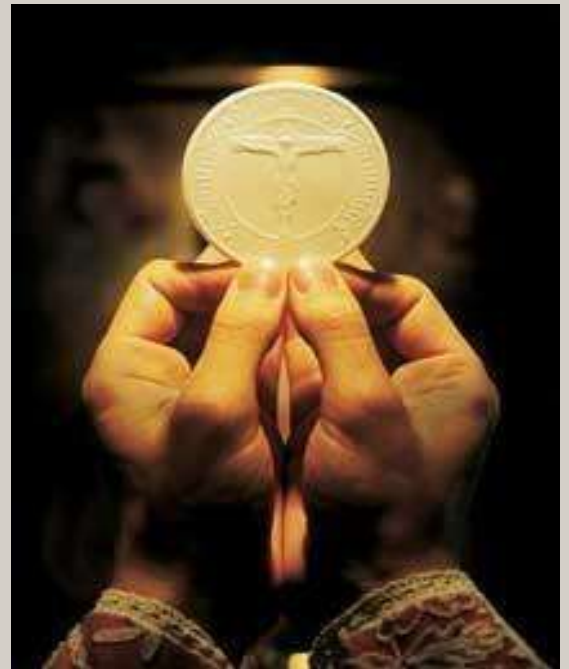
Genesis 3:19



A devotion to the Passion of Christ which recalls a series of events at the end of Jesus' life from his condemnation to his burial. The Way of the Cross imitates the practice of visiting the places of Jesus' Passion in the Holy Land by early Christian pilgrims. The first stations outside Palestine were built in Bologna in the fifth century. This devotion was encouraged by the Franciscans, and it became common in the fifteenth century. The number of stations for prayer and meditation in the Way of the Cross has varied, but it typically includes fourteen stations. Each station may have a cross and an artistic representation of the scene. The stations may be erected inside a church or outdoors.

**Please join us on Friday Evenings
during Lent at 5:20 PM**

Please keep our
First Holy Communion class
in your prayers as they work
very hard to prepare
to receive the benefits
from feasting at our
**Lord's table on
June 23, 2019**



**Daylight Saving Time
2019 in
New Jersey
will start at
2:00 AM
on Sunday
March 10, 2019**



THE FEAST OF ST. FLORIAN



Sunday, May 5, 2019

Blessing of Emergency Apparatus at 5:00 PM

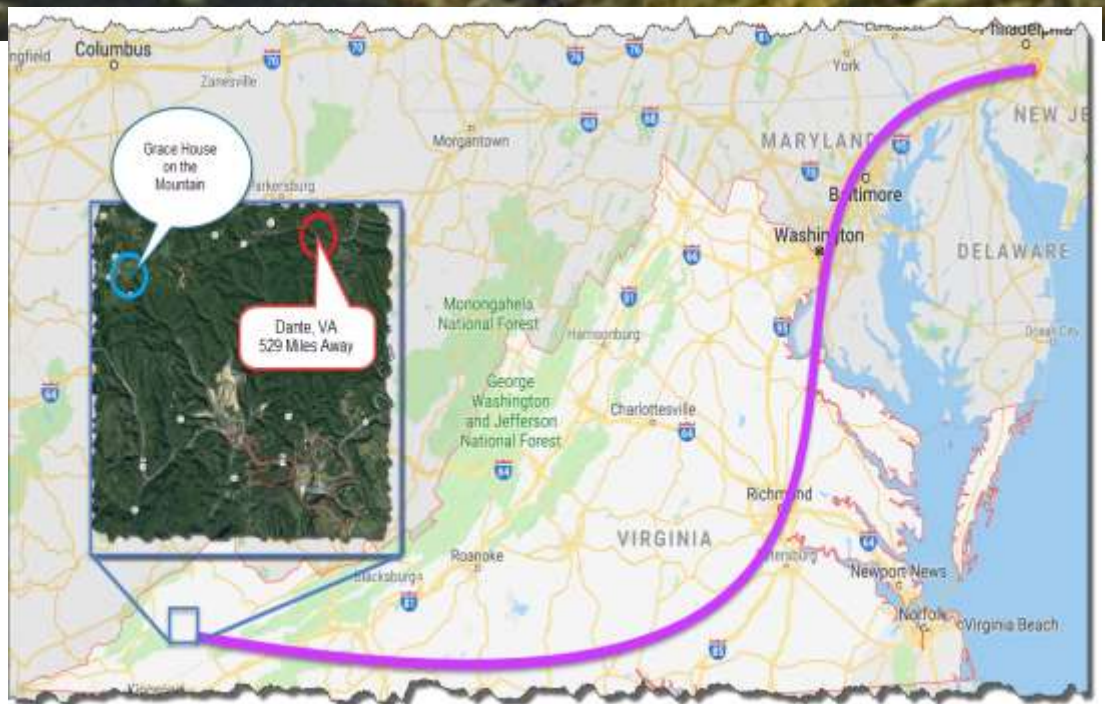
Procession of Firefighters and Solemn Evensong at 6:00 PM

In cooperation with the Gloucester County Fire Chiefs Association

MISSION 2019

GRACE HOUSE on the mountain

Christ Church has submitted our confirmation form and deposit to Grace House on the Mountain for our anticipated arrival Tuesday, November 5th and departing Sunday November 10th. This week is the same week the New Jersey Educators Associate (NJEA) convention in Atlantic City convenes and provides us a platform to engage ourselves and our youth into the priority of Christ.



This will be our third Mission to the mining region of Dante, VA. An area of Appalachia in which a quick image Google search would provide immediate photo evidence of a threadbare community. Try it!

We've already begun with the collection of Lenten dollar envelopes, our upcoming Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper and book donation/collection to support our Mission activities in Dante, VA. But we have plenty more to tackle and I invite you all to consider how you can participate.

Looks for updates in our newsletters, service sheets and our newly designed website:
<http://christchurch.woodburynj.org/mission-outreach/>

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**BREAD FROM HEAVEN AND WATER FROM ROCKS:
Living into the Protective Custody of
Almighty God at Christ Church Woodbury**

A series of five generational reflections based on
encounters with holy time and holy space

5:00 PM - Evening Prayer
5:30 PM - Holy Eucharist
6:10 PM - Lenten Soup Supper
6:50 PM - Lenten Series
7:30 PM - Final Prayer and Dismissal

Please join us as you are able

Dr. B. Dawson Shoemaker

BLOOD DRIVE

WITH THE RED CROSS

Thank you for donating 29 units of blood which could potentially be helping 83 persons in need. Considering the frigid weather on that day, we had a tremendous turnout and exceeded our goal by 7 units. Thank you for our Christ Church parishioners who braved the weather on that day, Jean Lucas, Cheryl Rheiner, Mark Novalsky, Rob Johnson, Paul Albright, Mary Beth Bathurst, Sharon Bowen and Jean Pleis. The fact that you came to support this drive demonstrates the kind of togetherness that makes the B. Dawson Shoemaker blood drive, as well as Christ Church, so special. Thank you also to Jean Lucas for baking brownies for the donors and staff to enjoy. People always look forward to coming to Christ Church for the special treats we have.

Just some interesting historical data – in the 12 drives that we have sponsored at Christ Church, we have been able to provide 404 units of blood! And, 8% of our donors were 1st time donors.

Please mark August 1, 2019 on your calendar as that will be the date of our next blood drive. The American Red Cross is very pleased that we now have air-conditioning and can schedule a summer drive because our drives always go so well.

Thank you to all.

Jim and Mary Beth Bathurst
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FROM THE PARISH NURSERY

*Come and see
how fun it can be
to be a part of our nursery...*

Anyone interested in being a part of our nursery aide staff, please come in and talk to Jennifer Allbright or Kim Wright.

We would love to have you join us!

Kim Wright, Nursery Coordinator
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@1856

about a girl who has the gift of words. She enters a various of spelling contests that earns her an opportunity to compete for a spot in the National Spelling Bee. Along her journey the bond with her family, community and some unexpected friends grows along the way. It was a great movie and all 15 kids in attendance enjoyed it and cheered for her during her journey.

The @1856 Youth Group got together on Saturday January 12 in the parish house for dinner and a movie. Dinner was a delicious taco bar with beef and chicken tacos with all the fixings by special request. We watched Akeelah and the Bee which is

The group will be serving at the Ronald McDonald House again during their Lenten journey on Saturday March 16th. This year we are switching it up and will be serving breakfast at the home. We had a great practice run during Coffee Hour in February. We need to arrive at the Ronald McDonald house by 9:00 AM to start cooking and preparing food for 10:00am breakfast. We will meet in the church parking lot at 8:00 AM to make sure we have enough time to arrive and carry all the items in. We will be returning to the church parking lot by 11:45 AM. Please attend the March meeting to discuss the menu and to receive the permission slip.

Upcoming Meetings:

Don't miss out on a meeting, come and meet our special guest!! We have exciting guests to finish out the school year!!

- March 3rd
- April 7th
- May 5th

Meetings are held downstairs of the parish hours after the 10:00am service. We are excited for you to join us!!

If you would like to help out with the youth group, please contact me.

Jane Gosdis, Youth Group Director
(856) 217-3037 or email jane@gosdis.com.



Great Composers of the English Church

This is the first in a series of articles about English composers, who, since the 1500's, have enriched the Anglican Church with a priceless legacy of sacred music which is today our rightful and treasured heritage. We begin part way into the era of what is referred to as *Tudor Church Music*. *Tudor* is the surname of the monarchs who ruled England from 1484 until 1603. After the reign of the first Tudor king, Henry VII, his son, King Henry VIII, brought about the separation of the church in England from the Church of Rome. Thomas Tallis (c.1505-1585) is honored as one of the foundational composers of the English Reformation. Little is known about his formal education, but he served at Dover Priory in 1530-31 and St. Mary-at-Hill in London in 1538 before his appearance on the lists at Waltham Abbey. He witnessed the dissolution of that

great Augustinian community for which he had written wonderful organ and choral music for the Latin rite.

After Waltham, Tallis sang at Canterbury Cathedral. In 1543 he became a gentleman of the Chapel Royal, where he composed and performed for Henry VIII, Edward VI, Mary I and Elizabeth I. Though he remained **throughout his life an "unreformed Roman Catholic", he managed to avoid religious controversy. He was** capable of adapting to the changing musical styles to suit the shifting theological landscape from one monarch to another. During the reign of Mary I, Tallis was granted a lease on a manor in Kent, which provided him with a comfortable annual income.

Tallis's finest pupil during this time was William Byrd (1543-1623) - more of him in another article. In 1575, the two were granted a 21-year monopoly for polyphonic music and a patent to print and publish music. They **used this monopoly to publish the great "*Cantiones Sacrae*",** a large collection of choral works in the Latin language. (Latin was permitted to be sung in places where "it was understood of the people", such as in collegiate chapels.)

Most of the anthems by Tallis that we sing at Christ Church, Woodbury, date from the reign of Edward VI (1547-1553) and reflect the prescriptions set on the style at that time, which give them a less complicated melodic movement than those written both before and afterwards. "If ye love me", "O Lord, give thy Holy Spirit", and "Verily, verily I say unto you" are works that have enriched our worship. Among Tallis's hymns you may recall *Tallis's Canon* ("All praise to thee, my God this night") and *Third Mode Melody* ("I heard the voice of Jesus say").

Two of Tallis's greatest works date from the reign of Elizabeth I: his settings of the *Lamentations of Jeremiah the Prophet* for Holy Week, and the unique motet, *Spem in alium numquam habui*, composed for eight five voice choirs (40 voice parts). This sublime motet is sung every year as a special event during graduation week at Princeton University, under the direction of Gabriel Crouch, director of choral activities for the University. It is well worth a visit to Princeton to hear this rarely performed masterpiece.

Sheldon Eldridge, Organist and Choirmaster
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Lenten Women's Quiet Day

A one day retreat for all women of the diocese

April 6, 2019 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Led by The Rev. Maria Sanzo, a priest, teacher, spiritual director, and student who believes that finding God in quiet moments is essential to spiritual health, we invite you to spend a quiet day reflecting on the scriptures of Holy Week.

Register by Tuesday, April 3rd
at <https://tinyurl.com/WomensQuietDay04062019>
or contact Mary Anne Clisham at 609 394-5281, Ext. 10.

Questions: Allie Graham [allie.graham@gmail.com]
Suggested Donation \$10 at the door, includes lunch

St Mary's -by-the-Sea, Point Pleasant Beach
804 Bay Ave, Point Pleasant Beach, NJ 08742

Reconstituted Building Committee

During their regular December meeting, In compliance with Article X; Section 1 of our parish By-Laws, and upon recommendation of Executive Committee, Vestry authorized the following parishioners in good standing to serve as the Building Committee in interest of bringing forward to Vestry a detailed listing of repairs and capital improvements in priority order that may be accomplished under the contractual oversight of a licensed and insured contractor in the State of New Jersey:

- ◆ Jim Bathurst
- ◆ Ed Ferrell
- ◆ Frank McGarry, Chair
- ◆ Susan Novalsky

Many of these pending projects are to be found in and around the 1855 rectory, the (1930's) Jackson House, and throughout our 1856 church. Do you realize that the original terra cotta pipes leading to the city sewer-line is collapsing (pictured) underground of the Jackson



House? Rather than wait until each issues becomes exigent in nature, Vestry desires to put all into a master plan so that sound, well articulated financial decision can be made while it is we have the time to thoroughly inspect each situation of need, devise a plan forward, and then discern the correct priority of things. Vestry also does not want to be in position of having to schedule multiple visits from various contractors and trades. Electrical priorities, plumbing work, carpentry concerns, etc., can be accomplished within a well-planned order that invites one contract, a single permitting process, and the coordinating oversight of a single licensed and insured general contractor.

Please remember the many and various capital improvement needs of Christ Church when concerning yourself with charitable giving. And as always, thank you for your faithful stewardship.



GREATER WOODBURY COOPERATIVE MINISTRIES



The following members of our parish in good standing are recognized by Vestry as representing our interest as trustees to the Greater Woodbury Cooperative Ministries (GWCM). Composed of those churches residing within the city limits of Woodbury, each congregation is allotted two seats on the Board of Trustees.

Those representing Christ Church Woodbury are Mr. Ed Ferrell, who also serves as the treasurer of the GWCM and Mrs. Cyndy Gallenthin, who this year assumes the Vestry commission oversight for Outreach.

The (GWCM) organizes opportunities for collective outreach, mission, worship and education. Their Board of Trustees is the body who has administrative oversight of the Food Panty ministry operating out of the Seventh-Day Adventist Church (Tuesdays and Thursdays) and the Colonial Manor United Methodist Church (Saturdays). GWCM's food pantries are intended as emergency relief services, providing, in addition to food, guidance to clients in accessing the support of government and community assistance.

In addition to the food pantries, the GWCM is involved in other community projects including ecumenical worship services throughout the year, Vacation Bible School, a high school peace essay scholarship, a clothing closet, children's summer lunch box program, and their handy helpers who assist seniors and the disabled with household chores.

PALMSunday



Holy Angels Roman Catholic Parish and Christ Episcopal Church

will gather together on the
steps of the
Gloucester County Courthouse
at 9:40 AM on April 14th

as the means of blessing
and distributing palms
for the Palm Sunday festival procession.

Central to both liturgies on this first day of Holy Week,
our combined liturgical expression is intended to
bring glory to God while strengthening
ecumenical ties and fostering Church unity.

Please plan now to be with us.





From the Parish Archives: *A Look Back to 1960*

Christ Episcopal Church ✠ Woodbury, N. J.

Services for the Second Sunday before Lent (Sexagesima) - Sunday, February 21, 1960

7:45 A.M. - Holy Communion - Corporate Communion of the Men and Boys

Acolyte - Leroy Garman

Usher - Mr. William Schneider

There will be a breakfast immediately following this service to which all the men and boys are invited.

9:45 A.M. - Family service and Church School

Acolytes - David Gill and Thomas Fallon

Crucifer - Paul Norris

11:00 A.M. - Holy Communion and Sermon

Acolytes - Joseph Gill and John Smith

Crucifer - Robert Wilson

Ushers - Mr. Joseph Gill and Mr. William Roach

Sermon - The Rector

The flowers on the altar this morning are given to the glory of God by Mrs. John Lauterbach in loving memory of her husband and their daughter, Marian, and by Mrs. Lowell Moss in loving memory of her husband.

Service for the Feast of St. Matthias, Apostle and Martyr - Wednesday, February 24, 1960 - 10:00 A.M. - Holy Communion

Junior Young Churchman. The Junior Young Churchmen will meet on Sunday, February 21st, at 6:30 P.M.
All those who have been appointed to a committee are asked to be sure of their responsibility.

Christ Church Guild. Christ Church Guild will meet on Wednesday, February 24th at 10:30 A.M.
Clean muslins are needed for cancer dressings. There will be a meeting at 1:00 P.M.

Junior Choir. the Junior Choir will meet on Thursday, February 25th, at 4:00 P.M. in the Parish House.

CORPORATE COMMUNION OF THE MEN AND BOYS

Sunday, February 21, 1960 at 7:45 A.M.

Breakfast will follow - Speaker: Sheriff John Hunt

ACOLYTE NEWS

The Acolytes are once again pleased to be able to host the annual Pancake Supper set for Shrove Tuesday March 5th. This is in conjunction with the Brotherhood of St. Andrew who graciously help in cooking the sausage and prepping the pancake batter. Thank you to the Brotherhood!

Please plan to be with us and reach out to friends and neighbors to invite them to join us. **This year's** outreach is a book collection for the residents of Dante, Virginia where our Mission team will be traveling in November 2019. Remember this is a free will donation! All we ask is please consider bringing new or used books in very good condition appropriate for 12th grade and under to be used to improve reading and literacy in that community.

The acolytes have tremendous pride in being able to participate in our Mission goals. Last years pajama donations exceeded expectations and we want to duplicate those results this years with books. We look forward to seeing you and embarking on our Lenten journey together! Our Acolytes make a tremendous offering throughout Lent, Holy Week and the fifty-days of Easter and your presence makes that complete. Thank you to the Acolytes, parents and parish for the continuing support shown to our Ministry!

Faithfully,

Mr. Steve Lewis
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Mr. Rob Johnson
(856) 415-7652



The 2019 Bishop's Forum

Due to inclement weather,
Bishop Stokes cancelled the
Bishop's Forum scheduled for the
Woodbury Convocation
on Wednesday, February 20th.

That meeting of our bishop with both clergy
and laity has been rescheduled by his office for:

Thursday, March 28th

3:00 PM to 5:00 PM - Meeting with the Clergy

6:00 PM - Holy Eucharist

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM - Meeting with the Laity

Both meetings and the low Mass will be held at:

Christ Church in Woodbury

62 Delaware Street * Woodbury, New Jersey * 08096



Answers to Laymen's Questions

From *Answers to Laymen's Questions* by The Right Reverend James P. DeWolfe, Bishop of Long Island (1942-1966). New York: Morehouse-Barlow Company, 1959

We find in our (1928) Book of Common Prayer, on page 305, "The Thanksgiving of Women after Child-birth, commonly called the Churching of Women." Why is this service never or hardly ever suggested by the clergy?

I know of no good reason for the widespread neglect of that beautiful Office. The service itself is a most gracious act of thanksgiving for the birth of the child and the safe delivery of the mother. It makes God central in the whole wonderful process of conception and childbirth. It invokes God's blessing upon the child and his nurture in the life of the Christian family. In no way does the service suggest that any stigma attaches to the mother or the marital relation. I am happy that its use in the Diocese of Long Island is becoming more frequent, and I recommend to the clergy that they revive interest in this Office through instruction regarding it and practice of it in their respective cures.



Note: Fr. Burgess' honors thesis while a seminarian at the University of the South - School of Theology was entitled *Churching of Women: the origin, role and development of the rite as a pastoral office in the Episcopal Church*. It is currently shelved within the Jessie Ball duPont Library special collections (thesis) at BX5947.C59 B88 1999



Easter is one of the most sacred---holy and set apart---holidays we celebrate. Depending on your background some believe the seven and a half weeks leading up to Easter is the time when others have **ashes on their foreheads one day and eat a lot of fish, because that's what every fast-food chain promotes.** Beyond that awareness, most people just celebrate Easter.

The truth is, for most, calling that day a celebration feels a bit like a reach. Sure, as we enter adulthood, it's become much less about full baskets of chocolate bunnies, Peeps and colored eggs. Later that vision is exchanged for the perfect spring outfit and eating the best Easter meal. We go to church and sing hymns we fully believe, but at the end of the day it feels like it got so little attention for the magnitude of the day.

This is *the* holiday we should be celebrating! This season reminds us of the very center and story of our salvation and should be the one holiday we are all about.

Easter is the celebration of the empty tomb -- **the Resurrection Sunday that told the world that Jesus didn't** just die on the cross, He rose from the dead! The cross is powerful and changes everything, but without that empty tomb, the cross would mean nothing but sadness. Jesus forgives our sins, redeems our sins, and offers us a new life in Him.

Like every other holiday, there isn't one right way to practice Easter and Lent. The traditions we've been passed down, along with new ones we learn, are all opportunities to connect with and glorify God.

Some things you yourself or as a family can do this Lenten season are:

- Bible study (take the Sunday service sheet home and reread and reflect on the lessons and gospels)
- Attend one or all of the Lenten Series programs and soup suppers on Wednesdays
- Come to church---participate in the services of Ash Wednesday, Palm Sunday, Stations of the Cross, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil, and Easter morning
- Invite others to gather with us

How we celebrate Easter should be bigger and better than any other day we put on the calendar. Let your Lent be holy and set apart.

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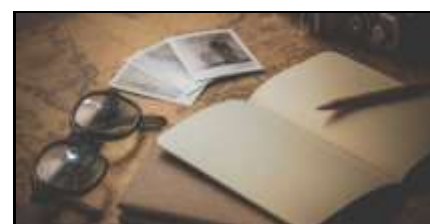
Excerpts from "Sacred Holidays" by Becky Kiser



Recognitions

- Thank you to our choral scholars, choristers and Choir for their beautiful offering of *A Ceremony of Lessons and Carols*. Each year we don't think it could ever be offered more beautifully; and yet, it is. This year there were many tears of conversion witnessed at the door upon Dismissal and final Hymn. A special shout-out goes to chorister Josephine Moser for setting the liturgical mood with the beautiful solo offering of the first stanza of *Once in Royal David's City*. Bravo!
- Thank you to acolyte Mikey Lyden for ditching his studies on a weekday in order to serve as crucifer during a Mass of Christian Burial. Upon receiving notice of death, Mikey had his father reach out to see if we could use any assistance from an acolyte. He served as crucifer for the very first time doing a magnificent job. He brought glory to God while honoring those we love but see no longer (BCP pg. 504).
- Thank you to Robin Atkins, Matt Baldwin, Jennifer Smith and Tara Mass for bringing to our Annual Parish Meeting such a tremendous slate of candidates for election to corporate officer positions. Serving as our parish Nomination Committee, they began their work back in June of 2018. Their collective work of prayer and discernment really paid-off as evidenced by the manner in which our Annual Meeting endorsed their recommendations.
- Thank you to Marietta Hutchison, our parish administrator, for all that she contributed to the orderly presentation of our 2019 Annual Parish Meeting. Many hours were put into compiling and formatting reports, biographical sketches, charts, and budgetary figures for the Order of Worship and Agenda book. The photographs chosen by her captured the great joy we share in being part of this parish in our generation. Please remember the great benefits of our parish staff when making prayerful decisions concerning faithful stewardship.
- Thank you to the many parents and teachers who saw to it that our Sunday school children were fed a pizza lunch and had an activity to keep them engaged as a group while we conducted our Annual Parish Meeting. The Sunday after the Epiphany was a long day for our children and (perhaps) even a longer day for those given responsibility for their oversight. Often, our manifold blessings are augmented by what it is we don't see and what it is we don't directly experience. Please be thankful for the particular ministry of our parents and teachers as well.
- Thank you to all who participate in our Bulk Mailing Team. This bi-monthly gathering of parish volunteers ensure that the very precise manner in which the U. S. Post Office receives Bulk Mail is met, organized, weighed, and recorded on very detailed government forms. Add to that scenario how the January/February **newsletter must go out immediately upon the conclusion of our Christmas and New Year's Day holiday observances**. These volunteers are proficient, industrious, organized, and very generous with their time.
- Thank you to our parish lectors who so masterfully prepare for each Sunday's lectionary reading. Doreen Mills' offering of the full (unabbreviated) assigned Old Testament lection for III Epiphany was beautifully offered with each Hebrew name correctly and effortlessly articulated from the eagle lectern. The names of those addressed as an assembly by the prophet Ezra like Hahbaddanah (has BAD uh nuh), Akkub (AK uhb), and Shabbethai (SHAB i thigh), were spoken clearly, correctly, and with the appropriate confidence of one knowing the vocabulary of the Church, all to the glory of God. The ministry of our parish lectors is truly a teaching ministry.
- Thank you to acolyte Luke Piskun for taking on such a leadership role within our acolyte corps. Relatively new to this extraordinary ministry, he has jumped in with both feet and assumed some pretty demanding responsibilities. Luke is reverent, patient, attentive, and punctual. And probably more to the point, his little brother Thomas and sister Rebecca are completely fixated on how he makes his offering.
- Thank you to Deacon Jorge Liriano Martinez from St. Andrew's in Camden who remembered Fr. and Mrs. Burgess while traveling the Holy Land with members of their congregation. He returned with a bottle of Holy Water from the River Jordan and a scarf bearing images of sites throughout the Jerusalem. Both were gifted in appreciation for his relationship to our parish.

- Thank you to Kim Wright for organizing and inviting our parish into such a wonderful Family Game Night. Her dedication to the life and ministry of this parish is humbling and always joy filled. We are a more faithful parish because she and her family are near.
- Thank you to our facilities manager John Marsden for going the extra mile. Although it was his day off, he came in to check basements and water pipes on the morning we experienced such extreme cold weather conditions (-4 degrees). His attention to detail, maintenance schedules, and potential problems ensures a smooth sailing ship.
- Thank you to Roberta Shomo for taking it upon herself to welcome other young mothers and to guide them to such resources as the parish nursery and our pre-school class. It is at times disorienting for any first time communicant to make it to our Nave for a Sunday Mass. Add to that first time experience the additional strain of bringing two children with you who are both under the age of three. Roberta is most observant and possesses a servant's heart.
- Thank you to Michele Schiffer for putting together such an informative *PowerPoint* presentation in interest of her recent trip to the Forma Conference in Indianapolis, Indiana. Michele represented us very well as only one of two volunteer program directors to attend the three day conference of workshops, exhibits, worship, and networking opportunities with her peers. Her presentation during the V Epiphany Adult Forum went a long way in inviting even greater support of our program of Christian education and formation.
- Thank you to the librarians of the Greenwich Public Library in Gibbstown, NJ for donating a very large collection of young adult books to our Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper book collection. Their gift of such wonderfully cared for books, having recently been taken out of circulation, go a long way in filling a gap that is left by so many donations of children's books.
- Thank you to Melinda Burrows, Audrey Daugherty, John Burrows and the rest of the English Club for organizing such a wonderful 95th birthday party at the British Chip Shop in Haddonfield, NJ for our own Jean Stuart. Following World War II, Jean came to the United States from England as a war bride. She currently resides within the United Methodist Community at Pitman where she sings in their concert choir.
- Thank you to our own Master Nathaniel Maggi for accepting Mr. Eldridge's invitation to offer J. S. Bach's *Minuet in G* from the *Notebook for Anna Magdalena Bach* (1722) from the organ bench during the VI Sunday after the Epiphany Choral Eucharist. Nathaniel works very hard to prepare for such musical expressions and his hours of rehearsal time are quite evident in the offering he makes to the glory of God and on behalf of the people He came to redeem. Rather than a performance, it is always an expression of worship. *Bravo!*
- Thank you Ms. Michele Yeager, Director of the City of Woodbury Public Library for her support of our acolytes in their Shrove Tuesday book collection for children and youth in Dante, VA. Michelle took it upon herself to direct to our use in the mission field those books that were being removed from circulation. Her life and particular ministry in Woodbury brings glory to God.
- Thank you to our Choral Scholars for offering such beautiful introits and motets each Sunday we gather before our altar. The *Magnificat* by Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625) during the VI Epiphany choral Eucharist was truly something to behold as it was so well prepared and so reverently offered.
- Thank you to our Licensed Lay Readers for being so attentive and dedicated to offering the Evening Office. Their study, preparation, and attention to the expectations of the Church Calendar makes each offering quite beautiful and spiritually moving to attend. If you have not attended a service of Evening Prayer within our beautiful Gothic church, please consider treating yourself to this expression of catholic faith and practice.
- Thank you to Sophie Seddon and our stellar acolyte corps for being present and available during the Main Street Woodbury Pasta Dinner. Realizing that our parish hall will be hosting a few hundred visitors, they took it upon themselves to serve as hosts, ushers and evangelists. Having been elected this past January, Sophie now serves on Vestry with commission oversight of Hospitality.



Parish Travel Journal

Frank and Helen Gwalthney

attended
First Parish
Congregational Church
Saco, Maine

Ralph and Casey Scarlett

attended
Grace Episcopal Church
Port Orange, Florida
and
St. James Episcopal Church
Ormond Beach, Florida

Canon Rauscher

attended
St. Mary's Episcopal Church
Wayne, Pennsylvania

Matt and Kate Baldwin

attended
St. Peter's Episcopal Church
Charlotte, North Carolina

During their regular February meeting, the Vestry of Christ Church formed the 2019 Audit Committee in interest of reviewing the financial records of our parish for fiscal year 2018.

As required by Canon 71, section 2 of the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese of New Jersey (2017) and in accordance the *Manual of Business Methods in Church Affairs* issued by the Office of the Treasure of the Episcopal Church, all accounts having to do with the receipt and expenditure, or investment or reinvestment of money of all diocesan or congregational organizations, including discretionary accounts and funds, shall be audited at the close of each year by a certified public accountant, a public accountant, or such audit committee as shall be authorized by the Audit Committee of the Diocese.

The 2019 Audit Committee of Christ Church consists of Mrs. Tara Mass, Chair; Mrs. Kathy Arseneau; Mr. Jim Bathurst; Mr. Ed Ferrell; Mrs. Jennifer Lewis; Mr. Frank McGarry; Mrs. Darcie Sanchez; and Mr. David Sheeky. Their final report will be made to Vestry prior to the September 1st diocesan deadline and will be reported upon within the 2020 Annual Parish Meeting.

An annual audit of all accounts is required by the Canons of the Episcopal Church and its purpose is to assure financial statements are fairly stated, protect church assets and protect Vestry, Rector, and Treasurer or anyone else handling those assets from suspicion of mishandling those assets.



I just wanted to say...

THANK YOU!

January 2019 marks the end of my seven years on the Vestry. Thank you for this wonderful opportunity to learn so much about Christ Church Woodbury and our awesome people!

I initially accepted an open spot for one year, then I was voted in for two, three year terms. As Chair of Mission, I took on a ministry that I really knew nothing about. The mission work we had done at Ometepe Island was my introduction and from there I learned so much from our experienced mission people. Christine Burnore, Marilyn McGeoch & Denise Burgess were so hands on and had worked so hard on the previous trip and ministry itself, and they had so much to share. Thank you ladies for sharing your knowledge and insight. From there it has been a whirlwind of excitement over the years.

The quality of personnel on our Vestry over the past seven years has been so impressive. This is us; this is Christ Church Woodbury. We are knowledgeable, impressive, kind, committed, giving and working so hard to take care of the business of buildings, grounds & finances. Outside of the mission ministry, I have learned so much about what we do and who we are and how committed and passionate we are in so many areas.

I would encourage everyone who is asked to join the Vestry to say yes! I encourage anyone who is asked by a Vestry member to assist in some way, say yes! Take on the opportunity to be a part of something that you have so much to offer individually and collectively. Thank you again to everyone who has said yes to any of my Vestry requests and those who have offered me guidance for our mission ministry.

Sincerely,
Tara Mass, Former Vestry Member
taramass@comcast.net

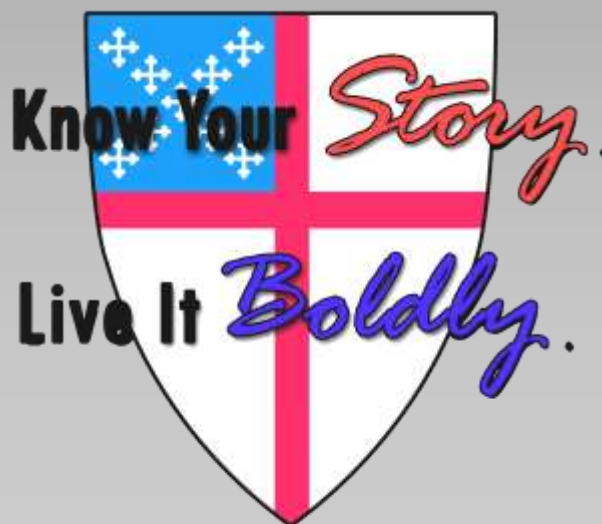
EPI SCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN DIOCESE OF NEW JERSEY STUDENT SERVICE AWARD APPLICATION 2019

This award is strictly for graduating high school seniors and students currently enrolled in undergraduate studies at a college or university. Students may apply beginning in their senior year and each year that they are enrolled in full-time undergraduate studies. Criteria to be considered in granting awards include: service to the church and service to the community.

Please note that this award is open to all genders. This application and two letters of reference noted below must be postmarked or emailed to the ECW Student Service Award Chairperson, Mrs. Carol Seale Council, by April 1, 2019. Applicants are responsible for ensuring that letters of recommendation are sent by the deadline.

Please follow the following link to view and print the application:

<http://s3-us-west-2.amazonaws.com/dioceseofnj/wp-content/uploads/2016/08/2017-SSA-application-final.pdf>



Episcopal Church Women's Prayer



Almighty God, we pray that you will bless our work in mission and ministry in the world. Help us to pray fervently, labor diligently, and give liberally to make known the power of your love, given through your son, Jesus Christ. Let us not forget the lessons from the past nor fear the challenges of the future. Anoint us with your grace and shine in our hearts as we reflect your light throughout the world. *Amen.*

Thank you to all of our ECW bakers and confectioners for presenting such a beautiful table of treats for our **Valentine's Day Bake Sale** and to **everyone who generously gave to our free will offering.** With your participation in our fundraisers, we are able to support many of the agencies that serve the community in both Gloucester and Camden Counties.

Two days after our bake sale, ECW received a mailing from Urban Promise explaining the unfortunate problem that has occurred at their high school, the Urban Promise Academy. Following the major rain storm in the fall, their building sustained significant damage due to water seeping in behind the foundation walls and roof of **their building which has caused dangerous mold and contamination. The books in the school's library were also contaminated and all of the books had to be thrown away. The library has been gutted and will be part of a \$45,000 reconstruction project.**

Urban Promise has established a Library Fund to raise money to replace the books in the library. At our February meeting, ECW voted to send a contribution of \$200 to the Library Fund. Our prayer encourages us to give liberally. Because of your continued support and generosity we have been able to continue our mission and mission in the world. We give thanks for you, through our Lord Jesus.

With grateful hearts,
The Episcopal Church Women
Christ Church, Woodbury





Planning for the Spring activities at Christ Church has begun with the members of Vestry and ECW focusing on women's health. ECW has received two baby quilts made by Linda Rosser to be used for fundraising. Linda was asked to designate the recipients of the proceeds and she said any organization that supports women's health. Linda and other members of our parish are breast cancer survivors so Cooper University Health Care services will be the recipients of the offering from combined the programs.

The Cooper Center services being considered are the Ripa Center for Women's Health and Wellness, Diane Barton Complimentary Medicine Program, and the Pink Roses Teal Magnolias.

The beautiful quilts will be on display in the upper assembly room in the spring. Tickets will be available for a free will offering with the drawing date in May. Vestry will encourage the girls and women of the parish to wear hats to church on Mother's Day. The Vestry offering will be decided by the number of hats worn on that day. More information about these programs will be forthcoming.

Robin Atkins, ECW
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ECW DISTRICT MEETING

Mother Child Presentation
April 28, 2019 2:00 PM—4:00 PM

Christ Church will host the Woodbury District Meeting of Episcopal Women on Sunday, April 28, at 2:00 PM in the upper assembly room of the parish house. All women of the parish are invited to attend. Donna Freidel, president of the Convocation and Diocesan ECW, will preside at the meeting where diocesan and parish information will be discussed and shared. Lite refreshments will be served and Evening

Prayer will be offered at the end of the meeting. A representative from Mother/Child will be the guest speaker.

Mother/Child provides a safe, nurturing environment the helps mothers develop skills so that they can create a stable environment for their children and families. Mother/Child has been the recipient of our Mother's Day "Wear a Hat to Church" contribution and also various ECW donations and projects that have supported the mothers and children at their location in Woodbury. We hope that you will join us for this meeting and presentation.

Doreen Mills, ECW President
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Financial Society Membership Announced for 2018

As reported at the Annual Parish Meeting in January by Mark Novalsky, Parish Treasurer, 2018 turned out to be a challenging year financially for our Parish. Even with the deficit as reported those who faithfully pledged included 71 in the 1856 Society, 30 in the Norris Society and 14 in the Doane Society. A listing of the giving for 2018 includes a notation of membership in the following Financial Societies at Christ Church:



1856 Society – those who have met their pledge for 5 consecutive years.

The Reverend Herbert Norris Society – those who have increased and met their pledge over the previous year.

The Bishop Doane Society – those who have pledged and met giving more than \$80.00 per week.

A special thank you goes out to all who have pledged for 2019 and especially to those who have signed up for electronic giving. **If you haven't pledged and/or have not signed up for electronic giving and would like to do so please contact Marietta Hutchison, Parish Administrator, at the Parish Office.**



Those attending Game Night 2019 had a great time and could not bring themselves to putting away the card game "Apples to Apples" until that very last victory was won.

Thank you to Kim Wright who so beautifully organized an event of holy fellowship intended to bring glory to God.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTER

Burials:

*Rest eternal,
grant unto him,*

Lloyd "Tom" Lucas
1.3.19



2018 Annual Stewardship Appeal

Thank you to those who participated in the 2018 stewardship appeal.

✠ Δ Paul and Debbie Allbright
Robin and Jim Atkins
Cynthia Babnew
✠ Kate and Matt Baldwin
Δ Barbara Banff
✠ Δ * Jim and Mary Beth Bathurst
*Pat Bolton
Δ Joseph and Sharon Bowen
George and Christina Braun
Ben and Joan Brown
Δ Scott and Karen Brown Family
Δ Thel Brown
✠ Δ * Father and Denise Burgess
✠ * John and Melinda Burrows
Mrs. Gordon Carrigan
* Sissie Chew
* Patrick Coleman
Sarah Cranston
Hughie Curtis
* Mr. and Mrs. Fred Daugherty
* Shirley A. Deal
* Thomas R. Dennison
Carol Eells
Δ Robert and Susan Esposti
✠ * Ed and Allene Ferrell
Margaret Frasier
Δ * Fran and Judy Fulgham
* Paul Goldy
Δ Jane and Shane Gosdis
* Catherine Greene
Δ Russell Griffith
* Frank and Helen Gwaltney
David T. Hanson
* Lisa and Mark Harris
* Mark Hendricks
* Kim Henning
* Doug and Carol Hill
* Edith Hill
* Richard and Regina Howey, Jr.
Joan Hunter
Kim and Ron Johnson
* Frank and Jean Johnson
Jonathan Jones
* Susann Kaback
Mrs. Carolyn Kinkler
Bryan and Julie Klugh
Δ * Richard and Gloria Kurtz
* Dottie Landberg
* Bernard and Beverly Lasoski, Jr.
Δ Stanley Lewis
Δ Steve and Jennifer Lewis
Δ Jerry and Linda Lonabaugh

Δ John and Joan Long
Δ * Jean and Tom Lucas
* John and Aimee Lyden
Laura Maggi
* Paul and Tara Mass
* Frank and Karin McGarry
* Marilyn and Scott McGeoch
Sue Ann Metzner
✠ Δ * Doreen Mills
Joan A. and George T. Mitchell, Jr.
* Chester and Janice Morrison
Donald and Karen Moser
✠ * Mark Nester
✠ * Philip and Taeko Nichols
* Mark and Susan Novalsky
* Barbara and Bob O'Mealia
* Nancy Parker
Janet and Reynold Philipp
Δ Gerald and Pamela Pierson
Δ Christopher and Emily Piskun
* Jean Pleis
✠ * John Preole
Deborah Rash
Sarah Rash
* Canon William V. Rauscher
Mary Ellen Quinn
✠ * E. Diana Redfield
John E. Redfield
✠ Δ * Cheryl Rheiner
✠ * Barbara Rickert
Dorothy M. Rodano
* Ms. Thelma Romond
* Mr. and Mrs. Donald Ross
Δ Linda Rosser
Garry Rowe
* Linda Rowe
* The Sager Family
✠ Δ * Mike and Darcie Sanchez
* Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Scarlett
Δ Kevin and Michele Schiffer
* Penny Scott
Carol and Robert Scott
Matthew and Sophie Seddon
* Dale Sheeky
Δ * Barbara Sheets
* Willard Sheppard
Δ Robertta and Steve Shomo
* Vernona Shute
Gwendolyn Simpson
Dennis and Brandy Sims
Δ Jean and John Smith
Δ Jennifer Smith

Kevin Smith
Sagamore and Dorothy Stewart
Δ * Mr. and Mrs. James J.
& Dorothy Straub
Tim and Eileen Straub
* Jim and Helen Straub
* Father Robert E. Sullivan, Jr.
* Sandra H. Sutton
* Carroll Tillberg
Sue Velasquez
* Kathleen Viereck
* Jeanne Webb
* Donna and James Wenzel
Δ * Jeff Wenzel
* The Whitehead Family
* Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Wilgus
* David and Victoria Wishnick
* Kimberly Wright
* Stacey and Sherman Yeiter
Mrs. Charles Zeugner
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✠ **The Bishop Doane Society:** Recognizes parishioners in good standing who have pledged and contributed \$80.00 a week or more to our Annual Giving Campaign.

Δ **The Reverend Herbert Norris Society:** Recognizes those parishioners in good standing who have increased their pledge over the last calendar year and met it.

***1856 Society:** Recognizes those parishioners in good standing who have maintained an un-interrupted pattern of meeting pledged giving over the past five-years or more.

Going by the Book

BASEBALL AS A ROAD TO GOD Seeing Beyond the Game

JOHN SEXTON

with Thomas Oliphant and Peter J. Schwartz

Foreword by Doris Kearns Goodwin

This past Christmas, my son Michael gifted me a book that took me by surprise.

Not that it was about a shared subject we love (baseball) but that it has a religious tilt to it.

Now, his mom and I believe we have instilled a proper understanding of the Almighty and the role of organized religion in our boys. But as millennials, we suspect sitting in a pew each Sunday is not high on their agenda.

So, I felt very gratified as I looked at the cover while I peeled back the wrapping paper. The title is "Baseball As a Road to God: Seeing Beyond the Game" by John Sexton.

These days Michael is a Los Angelino, enjoying the California life as much as any young person from South Jersey might. It is a different world for sure and he now bleeds Dodger Blue, but he has not forsaken his roots as a Phillies fan. (See. I did raise him right!)

His inscription inside the cover was heart-warming.

It reads: "Dad, I am starting a book club on this book to complete before Pitchers & Catchers report in 2019. Hopefully it will break the Dodgers curse. Love, Michael"

A voracious reader since he was in elementary school, I know he bought several copies for his friends to discuss before the first game of the season. I was honored that he included me.

About the book. It is written by John Sexton, a lifelong baseball fan and history professor who rose to the presidency of New York University, which is my son's alma mater. **I had the opportunity to shake his**

hand and say a few words to Mr. Sexton at Michael's commencement ... held, naturally, in the new Yankee Stadium almost a decade ago.

President Sexton was wearing a Yankees cap instead of the traditional academic mortarboard, which struck me as amusing. It underscored his love for baseball and its importance in his life.

Sexton is a devout Christian, married to a Jewish woman and whose son has been both baptized and bar mitzah-ed. He is most proud of instilling in his son his love of the game and its traditions, much like the religions his son has come to honor.

The main point, devoted in separate chapters, are the ying and yang of faith and doubt. Sexton's point is that religion and spirituality hinge on the seesaw of doubt and faith. And baseball, when you think about it, is no different.

What could be more true to the soul than a belief in God and a prayerful path to heaven? It is our faith that sustains us. Just as our belief each spring as a baseball fan that maybe this could be the championship year. **Sexton stresses that God has no interest in the outcome of any contest but has fun with saying it doesn't hurt to do the Sign of the Cross in the bottom of the ninth with your team clinging to a one-run lead.**

Sexton also enjoys comparing the so-called **sacred places in baseball's lore** to the holy sanctuaries occupied by the church.

He writes of those special times in our lives that erase all doubt that there is a heavenly Father who has a hand on our shoulder.

Quoting theologians, philosophers and sports writers, Sexton draws the comparison between those moments in the game that transcend the expected and border on the miraculous.

Sexton uses the word "ineffable" to describe religion and baseball. It is by definition, that which we know through experience rather than through study. It is not describable in words, yet it is "palpable and real". Writes Sexton, "The word signified the truths known in the soul."

Maybe we can simplify that definition.

Remember as an old Phillies favorite, Tug McGraw, used to urge long-suffering Phils fans, **"Ya gotta believe."**

Well said, Tug. Well said.

By Jim Atkins, Vestry Chair of Communications
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YOUTH MINISTRY SUMMIT



Each Winter and Spring, our parish youth leaders meet to pray for our youth and their families, discuss plans as we look out six months, formulate ideas, share resources and to coordinate efforts when it comes to encouraging our youth in the right way.

The winter meeting is held almost immediately upon completion of the Annual Parish Meeting so that each program has benefit of the most recent reports, budget figures, and statistics on attendance. This year's meeting was held in the rectory dining room on Wednesday, January 16th. Those who were able to be in attendance were (l to r) Steve Lewis, acolyte master; Sarah Rash, youth group; Rob Johnson, acolyte master; Fr. Burgess; Michele Schiffer, Sunday school superintendent; Jane Gosdis, youth group; and Jillian Johnson, a ninth grade member of our acolyte corps and youth group.

We are well served by these dedicated adults. Please remember their ministry of service, oversight, education and formation whenever you are invited into expressions of evangelism and faithful stewardship.



"The Space Less Travel ed"



The Filming of a Documentary:

As the means of completing a documentary feature film of the life of Apollo 14 astronaut, Dr. Edgar Mitchell, Antares Davis and Cameron Jutte visited our historic church on Tuesday, February 19th with the intention of capturing film footage within the interior of our nave, chancel and sanctuary. Born a few days before the launch of the Apollo 14, and named after the mission's Lunar Module (LM), Antares is the goddaughter of Edgar Mitchell. Her mother and father were very close friends and her mother piloted commercial airline flights together with Edgar Mitchell. As the Lunar Module Pilot of Apollo 14, Edgar Mitchell spent nine hours working on the lunar surface in the *Fra Mauro* Highlands region, making him the sixth person to walk on the Moon.

Being a very close friend of Canon William Rauscher, Edgar Mitchell gifted our parish a sample of lunar soil from his own collection for placement within the stained glass window that commemorates Canon Rauscher's retirement. This documentary intends to capture images of this gift for inclusion in the documentary. The multi-year project is coming to its completion and is anticipated to air sometime in the year 2020.

B a s e m e n t t o B e l f r y

Eight air-conditioning units and four furnaces all tie into a network of heating and air that keeps five properties comfortable and welcoming. This is just one of the many operational concerns of our corporate officers who hold fiduciary responsibility for our buildings and grounds. On Thursday, the 31st of January, eleven corporate officers of our parish took an orientation tour and inspected each property from "Basement to Belfry." Beginning in the Jackson House; continuing throughout the rectory; and then ending up in the sacristy, undercroft of the church, and finally the newly renovated parish hall; this time together invited discovery and questions when it comes to the maintenance priorities of our parish.

- Do you realize that we maintain and invite the annual inspection of 22 fire extinguishers each January?
- Do you realize the parish office now exists in what once was a wraparound front and side porch to the 1855 parish rectory?
- Do you realize that the work of the parish office is supported by a computerized fiber optics phone system?

The tour of our parish facilities took two hours which included a pizza dinner in the rectory. This time at table together allowed for a bit of fellowship while inviting questions from endowment trustees and those who hold seats on Vestry.

Please remember the always pressing priority of maintenance that our Vestry and Endowment Fund trustees enter into on all our behalf when invited to participate in our annual stewardship campaign.



CONFIRMATION

The 2019 Adult Inquirers' Class is being offered in preparation for the sacrament of Confirmation or the rite of Reception into the Episcopal Church. Classes will meet from 6:00 PM until 8:30 PM in the Upper Assembly Conference Room. Those high school aged students and adults seeking to be presented to the Bishop for Confirmation or reception must attend a minimum of six complete class sessions. Please contact the parish office by March 31st to register. As we stated in the fall, a minimum of 6 class registrations are required for this course to be offered. Those interested in this level of adult inquiry are encouraged to participate in this course offering as well.

- Monday, May 6th "The Symbolism of the Church"
- Friday, May 10th "The Church's Long Past: The Reformation"
- Monday, May 13th "The Characteristics of the Church"
- Monday, May 20th "The Sacraments"
- Friday, May 24th "The Ordained Ministry/Ministry of the Laity"
- Friday, May 31st "Second Century Home Eucharist" (*within the rectory*)
- Monday, June 3rd "Structure of the Church"

If we have enough registered participants to offer this course of instruction, the bishop will confer the sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday, June 9th, The Day of Pentecost





HOLY WEEK

April 14th-April 21st

Palm Sunday, April 14

Holy Eucharist	8:00 AM
Blessing of the Palms, Festival Procession, Solemn Eucharist* (with incense)	10:00 AM

Monday, April 15

Evening Prayer	5:00 PM
Holy Eucharist	5:30 PM

Tuesday, April 16

Holy Eucharist	7:30 AM
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Wednesday, April 17

Healing Mass	10:00 AM
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Maundy Thursday, April 18

<i>Pedilavium</i> (foot washing), Holy Eucharist, procession to the Altar of Repose, and stripping of the altar (with incense)	7:00 PM
Compline	10:00 PM

Good Friday, April 19

Proper Liturgy of the Day with Communion from the Presanctified	12:15 PM
Evening Prayer	5:00 PM
Stations of the Cross	5:20 PM
Solemn Liturgy of the Day with Communion from the Presanctified (with incense)	7:00 PM

Holy Saturday, April 20th

Proper Liturgy	9:00 AM
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April 20th

Great Vigil of Easter

The First Mass of Easter at 7:00 PM followed by a champagne reception

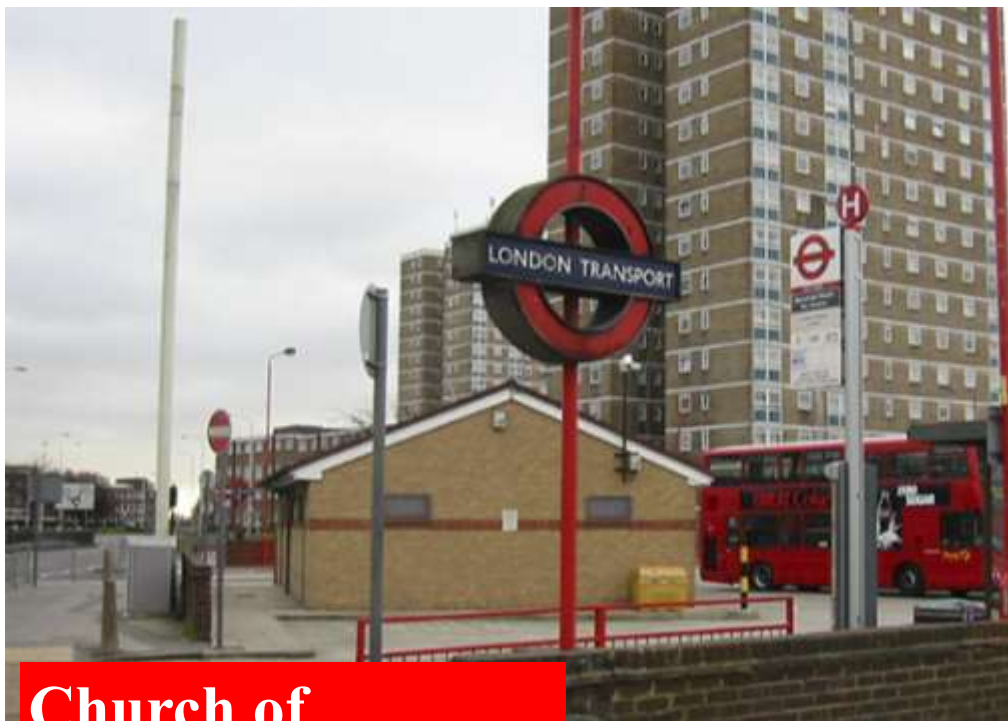
April 21st

Easter Day

Holy Eucharist at 8:00 AM

Festival Choral Eucharist (*with incense*) at 10:00 AM

Children are invited to bring their Easter baskets with them to the 10:00 AM Mass and leave them in the Jubilee Garden. Upon Blessing and Dismissal, the children will find that their baskets have also experienced resurrection glory.



A new congregation in a nightclub area and the Church of England's first weekday-only church are two of several new worshipping communities to receive a share of £35 million GBP in funding. The money – the biggest investment so far by the C of E's Renewal and Reform programme – is intended to help it reach tens of thousands of people including in city centres, outer estates and rural areas, the C of E said in a statement. The Church said that the new Christian communities "may be far from the traditional image" of churches and will pioneer new types of churches along with new forms of outreach, including a social media

Church of England announces £35 million investment in new churches and outreach

pastor and outreach work with school and community choirs.

"Hearing and responding to the good news of Jesus Christ unlocks new joy, new belonging, new purpose and new life," the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, said. "These projects show the dynamism and drive of the Church of England's mission to share this good news with people throughout our dioceses and parishes. **We are committed to this work because we want everyone to know how much they are loved by God through Jesus Christ, and how they can find that love for themselves.**"

Amongst the projects to receive funding from the scheme is a new church in Bradford's nightclub area, with a gym and café on site. The C of E said that this will help its mission to students and young adults in the city.

Elsewhere in Yorkshire, congregations that meet throughout the week rather than Sundays will be set up at Holy Trinity Church in Leeds city centre, targeting professionals working in the area. And new music specialists will be employed at Rotherham Minster to work with school and community choirs in the town.

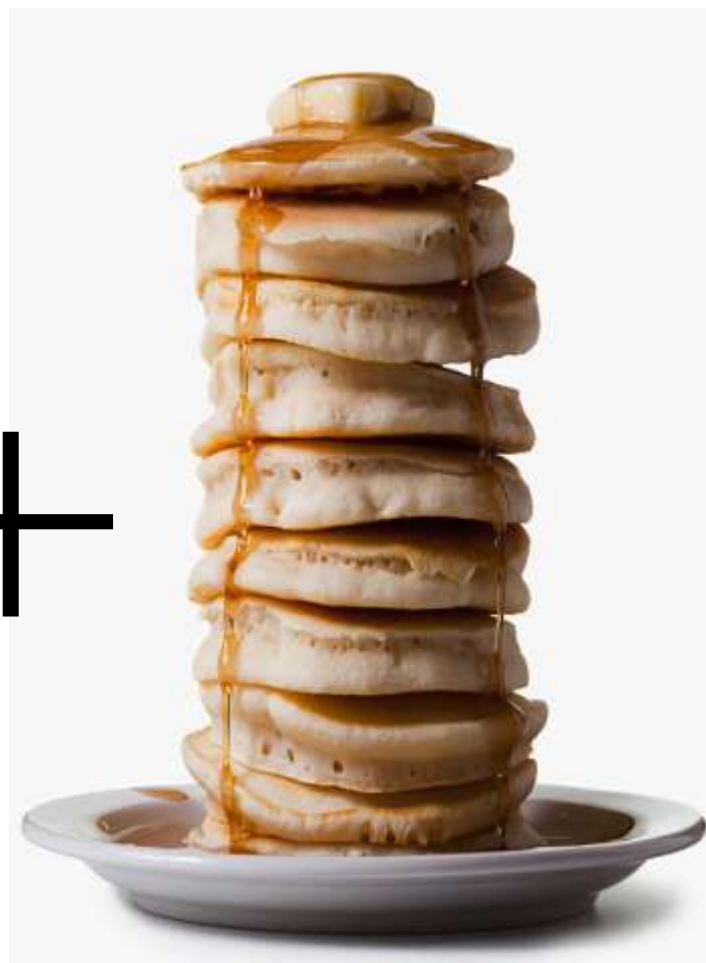
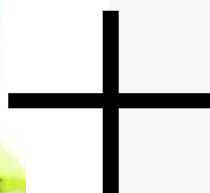
A social media pastor will be based at Stockton Parish Church, and in Suffolk, a digital media post will be created.

The grants will fund churches across the theological spectrum. St Alban and St Martin churches on the Becontree Estate in Barking and Dagenham will receive funding for a new church in the parish – the largest housing estate in Europe. It is one of 11 new congregations planned for the Diocese of Chelmsford.

"The Church of England is not afraid to try something new to ensure it continues to serve every community in the country", the Director of the Church of England's Renewal and Reform programme, Debbie Clinton, said. "We believe that everyone should have a chance to experience the hope of the gospel of Jesus Christ and the fellowship of belonging to a Christian community wherever they live, whether in an urban city centre, an outer housing estate or in remote rural areas."

–Published in The Anglican News Service, January 2019

LOOKING FORWARD TO SHROVE TUESDAY



Please join our acolytes on Tuesday, March 5th for Shrove Tuesday pancakes and sausage. All tickets for the evening are complimentary. There will be a freewill offering of new (and very slightly used) books as well as magazines appropriate for children and youth (Pre-K through 12th grades).

By invitation of Grace House on the Mountain, our donation of age appropriate books and magazines will be driven into the Appalachian mountains by our parish missionaries this November. The books will be distributed among the families that call the coal mining community of Dante, VA their home. This reach is intended to bring glory to God by increasing literacy within the home. We ask only that you be prayerful in your selection and generous in your giving.

Evensong - 5:00 PM
Pancakes Served - 5:30 PM until 7:30 PM

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Rob Johnson, Acolyte Masters
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Why a Medieval Woman Had *LAPIS LAZULI* Hidden in Her Teeth



What Anita Radini noticed under the microscope was the blue—a brilliant blue that seemed so unnatural, so out of place in the 1,000-year-old dental tartar she was gently dissolving in weak acid.

It was ultramarine, she would later learn, a pigment that a millennium ago could only have come from lapis lazuli originating in a single region of Afghanistan. This blue was once worth its weight in gold. It was used, most notably, to give the Virgin **Mary's robes their striking color in centuries of artwork.** And the teeth that were embedded with this blue likely belonged to a scribe or painter of medieval manuscripts. Who was that person? A woman, first of all. According to radiocarbon dating, she lived around **997 to 1162, and she was buried at a women's monastery in Dalheim, Germany.** And so these embedded blue particles in her teeth illuminate a forgotten history of medieval manuscripts: Not just monks made them. In the medieval ages, nuns also produced the famously laborious and beautiful books. And some of these women must have been very good, if they were using pigment as precious and rare as ultramarine. If pigments can be preserved in tartar—the gunky yellow stuff on teeth that dental

plaque hardens into—that means that fibers, metals, and other dyes could be, too. **"This is genuinely a big deal,"** says Mark Clarke, a technical art historian at Nova University Lisbon who was not involved in the new study. You could imagine identifying metalworkers, carpenters, and other artisans from the particles embedded in tartar, Clarke says. **"It's opening up a new avenue in archaeology."**

Radini and her co-author, Christina Warinner, did not set out to study the production of illuminated manuscripts. Radini, now at the University of York, was initially interested in starch granules in tartar as a proxy for diet, and Warinner, a microbiome researcher at the Max Planck Institute, wanted to study the DNA of ancient oral bacteria. But the blue particles were too striking to ignore.

"Can you imagine the kind of cold calls we had to make in the beginning?" says Warinner. **"Hi, I'm working with this thing on teeth, and it's about 1,000 years old, and it has blue stuff in it. Can you help me?"** People thought we were crazy.

We tried reaching out to physicists, and they were like, **'I don't know what you're talking about.'** We tried reaching out to people working in art restoration, and they were like, **'Why are you working with plaque?'"** She eventually reached physicists at the University of York who helped confirm the blue did indeed come from the mineral lazurite, derived from lapis lazuli.

But art experts were still skeptical. Some dismissed the idea that a woman could have been a painter skilled enough to work with ultramarine. One suggested to Warinner that this woman came into contact with ultramarine because she was simply the cleaning lady.

Warinner eventually reached out to Alison Beach, a historian at Ohio State University who studies female scribes in 12th-century Germany. Over the past couple of decades, Beach and other scholars have cataloged the overlooked contributions of women to medieval book production. The challenge, Beach says, is that while most manuscripts with signatures are signed by men, the vast majority of manuscripts are unsigned. But a small number of surviving manuscripts are signed by women, and scholars have

found correspondence between monks and nuns about book production.

Beach even came across a letter dated to the year 1168, in which a bookkeeper of a men's monastery commissions sister "N" to produce a deluxe manuscript using luxury materials such as parchment, leather, and silk. The monastery where sister "N" lived is only 40 miles from Dalheim, where the teeth with lapis lazuli were found. Beach also identified a book using lapis lazuli that was written by a female scribe in Germany around a.d. 1200. The pigment would have traveled nearly 4,000 miles from Afghanistan to Europe via the Silk Road. All the evidence suggests that female scribes were indeed making books that used lapis lazuli pigment in the same area and around the same time this woman was alive. The team considered a number of alternative ways lapis lazuli could have gotten into the woman's dental plaque.

Could the particles have come from repeated kissing of an illuminated manuscript? This practice didn't become popular until three centuries after this woman likely died. Could it have come from lapis ingested as medicine, as suggested in Greek and Islamic medical texts? There's little evidence that prescription was followed in 12th-century Germany. The lapis lazuli particles were also especially fine, which requires a laborious grinding process. This detail in particular suggests that the stones were purposefully made into pigment. The team concluded that two scenarios are most likely: The woman was a painter who could have ingested ultramarine paint



while licking her brush to a point, or she breathed in the powder while preparing pigment for herself or someone else. You can almost begin to picture her, Beach says, sitting by herself laboring over a manuscript day after day. "For a medieval historian," she adds, "this kind of clear material evidence of something from the life of an individual person is so extraordinary."

Cynthia Cyrus, a professor at Vanderbilt who has also studied medieval scribes, told me that reading the paper was "the highlight of my day." Like many monasteries, she noted, the one where this woman was buried was eventually destroyed in a medieval fire. There's little evidence of what life was like there. But the woman's teeth suggest that it could have been a site of highly skilled book production.

Warinner is continuing to study the particles embedded in old tartar. She and others have found everything from insect parts and the pollen of exotic ornamental flowers to opium, bits of wool, and milk proteins—all of which tell stories about what people ate and how they lived. The detritus of everyday life accumulates in the gunk that modern dentists are so vigilant about scrubbing off. "They aren't thinking of future archaeologists," Warinner jokes.

~By Sarah Zhang of The Atlantic





Father and Mrs. Burgess were among family and friends invited to celebrate the 95th Birthday of our own Ruth Whitehead. The celebration was an all day event that concluded with dinner and birthday cake at Mulligan's Bar and Grill in Oaklyn, New Jersey, where Ruth has been a regular patron for years due to their fresh shucked "Middle Necks (small)" clams on the 1/2 shell. Happy Birthday Ruth!



Sheldon Eldridge, Organist Choirmaster and Master Nathaniel Maggi. On the Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany, Nathaniel performed Bach's Minuet in G from The Notebook for Anna Magdelana BCH (1722)

Our own Jeanne Webb
Woodbury High School 1948



THE WATCH

On Maundy Thursday evening, the church will be open for a Watch before the Blessed Sacrament until midnight. *Since neither the church nor the Sacrament can be left unattended, please sign up for this time of silent, personal prayer.*

The sign-up sheet will be available on the



ST. ANDREW'S GALA

Eleven from Christ Church Woodbury attended the Second Annual Banquet and Gala of St. Andrew's Church Camden. Held at the Indian Spring Country Club in Marlton, New Jersey on February 9th, many from throughout our diocese came together to support this mission congregation in their reach toward holiness. Scholarships were awarded to two high school seniors from the Camden City School District; and the evening was made complete with an address from our bishop, wonderful food, the drawing of tickets for door prizes and dancing.



Pictured are those of Christ Church with Canon Pedro Guzman (seated, left), Deacon Jorge Liriano Martinez (standing, back row, left), and many from the faithful congregation of San Andres who support us where it is we do stand.



The Faith of an English Catholic: *The Sacramental Principle*

Questions about the number of sacraments have often been given an undue prominence. The answers to those questions depend on definition and terminology. In the ancient Church, the use of the word was so wide that the Incarnation itself was described as a sacrament, and that, on the other hand, the word was applied to the salt given to catechumens. As the use was narrowed, and there was a tendency to limit the number to seven, theologians did not at first agree as to the details of inclusion. From the twelfth century in the West, and considerably later in the East, it became customary to describe Baptism, Confirmation, the Eucharist, Penance, Unction, Orders, and Matrimony as sacraments to the exclusion of other rites. This terminology has great and obvious convenience. It is in accordance with the usual practice of the East and the West. It groups together a set of rites which are akin. It makes teaching about the sacraments easier. It avoids the difficulties which hamper either a wider or a narrower use.

But no catholic theologian would deny great differences among the seven. Baptism and the Eucharist stand out from the rest as ascribed in the Gospels to the express institution of our Lord with visible signs attached, and as necessary for all Christians in a degree and to an extent to which other sacraments are not necessary. Differences are asserted between sacraments of the living, which are for the use of those already in grace, namely Confirmation, the Eucharist, Unction, Orders, Matrimony, and sacraments of the dead, which are for those who are not yet in grace or who have fallen from it, namely, Baptism and Penance.

Another line of division is between sacraments which confer "character" and cannot be repeated, namely, Baptism, Confirmation, Orders, and those which do not confer "character" and therefore can be repeated, namely, the Eucharist, Penance, Unction, Matrimony. In the course of their study of the ancient Church and of contemporary Catholicism, the Tractarians came to recognize the sacramental nature of the seven rites; and it is the habitual practice of most Anglo-Catholics to speak of the seven sacraments, namely, the two greater, Baptism and the Eucharist, and the five less, Confirmation, Penance, Unction, Orders, Matrimony.

From: The Faith of an English Catholic by Darwell Stone, Principal and Librarian, Pusey House, Oxford; and Anglo-Catholic Theologian (London: Longmans, Green and Co. Ltd., March 1926)



Meeting of the Endowment
Fund Board of Trustees
in interest of receiving the
First Quarter 2019 Report
From McLaughlin Asset Management
April 29th at 7:00PM
within the Conference Room of Christ Church



Bishop's 8,000 mile trip for confirmation in world's most southerly Anglican cathedral

Three people were confirmed in the most southerly cathedral in the Anglican Communion – but the cathedral's bishop, **Tim Thornton**, had to travel some 8,000 miles from his office in London, England, for the service. The Falkland Islands are not within an Anglican Communion province but is an Extra Provincial area under the metropolitical authority of the Archbishop of Canterbury. The Bishop to the Falklands is a post held by the Bishop at Lambeth – the senior episcopal assistant to the Archbishop of Canterbury at Lambeth Palace.

Despite the remoteness of the cathedral on the South Atlantic islands, a full slate of clergy were present for to watch Denise Blake and Antonia and Stirling Marcus make their confirmation vows during what was described as a "joyous" service. In addition to Bishop Tim, the interim priest in charge of the Falkland Islands, Ian Faulds was joined by other Christ Church Cathedral clergy Kathy Biles and Betty Turner. Also present was the Chaplain-in-Chief of the Royal Air Force, John Ellis, and Forces padre Alice McDermott.

There are currently six Extra Provincial areas in the Anglican Communion. In addition to the Falkland Islands, there are the Church of Ceylon, the Iglesia Episcopal de Cuba, Bermuda, the Lusitanian Church (Portugal) and the Reformed Episcopal Church of Spain. Most are under the metropolitical authority of the Archbishop of Canterbury; except for Cuba, which receives metropolitical authority from a Primatial council, comprising the Presiding Bishop of the US-based Episcopal Church, the Archbishop of Canada, and the Archbishop of the West Indies. Cuba will cease to be an Extra Provincial area when it resumes membership of the US-based Episcopal Church.



A new Rector will be sought for the Falkland Islands shortly after its previous Rector, Nicholas Mercer, returned to the UK in December to take up a new role in Bolton Abbey later this year.

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Lenten Parish Service Schedule

Sunday:

8:00 AM

Holy Eucharist

10:00 AM

Choral Eucharist

Sunday School -Pre-K through 12th Grade

First Holy Communion Instruction

Adult Forum

Wednesday:

10:00 AM

Holy Eucharist with rite of Healing

5:00 PM

Evening Prayer

5:30 PM

Holy Eucharist

6:10 PM

Lenten Soup Supper

6:50 PM

Lenten Program

7:30 PM

Concluding Prayer & Dismissal

Thursday:

6:00 PM

Holy Eucharist

Friday:

5:00 PM

Evening Prayer

5:20 PM

Stations of the Cross

*The Sacrament of Confession and Reconciliation
is available by appointment.*



Thank you to all the volunteers who put together the newsletter for mailing. This entire project (every two months) is accomplished by John Preole, Judy Fulgham, Judy Judy Giffear-Pile, Linda Rowe, Helen Gwalthney, and Paul Goldy. Would you like to help out?

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