

APRIL 2011

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A message from the Rector :

When God does something amazing, it can take a long time for it to sink in. Two thousand years after that first Easter, we are still like Peter, amazed and perplexed by what God did on that mysterious day. Even this Easter, we will enter with all believers into the empty tomb and we will stand dazed, not knowing what it all means. Why does God love us that much? How do we respond to that love? For this reason, we make our journey through Lent and Easter year after year. Each time it is a chance for God to amaze us all over again, to open our eyes to something we never saw before, and to respond in new ways.

What has God shown to your family throughout these forty days? In our heart we know that throughout the season of Lent, the Lord was always at work in our lives, in our hearts, in our family, and in our world. But that is only the beginning. The risen Christ lives on ! Every day is a new chance to see the Lord. Hopefully, we arrive together at Easter with hearts that are all the more loving, all the more ready to see how God is with us. Together, let us continue to seek the Lord!

Risen Lord, live in our hearts forever!

Fr. Wayne +

Time Flies!! It's Been one YEAR!!!!

An Invitation from our Senior Warden ... Sigrd Hewitt



*Please Join Us For A Festive Reception
To Celebrate
Father Wayne and Karen's First Year
With All of Us at Ascension
Sunday, April 10, 2011
Following the 10 AM Service*

*What to bring?
Your Best Wishes, Cards, or Contributions to
Fr. Wayne's Discretionary Fund
We Look Forward to Seeing You There!!*

"I'd Like to Meet With the Rector"

Fr. Wayne is available for meetings or pastoral visits on Mondays, Tuesdays and Saturdays.

Please call **783-2911** to make an appointment.

He is available for emergency care 24/7.

Emergency # 824-2308

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Lenten Home Eucharist

Schedule for April - Join Us at 7:00 PM

- Monday, April 4 Hosted by Fred and Maureen Buck
- Monday, April 11 Hosted by Christen Collins and Children
- Monday, April 18 Hosted by Karen Crosby

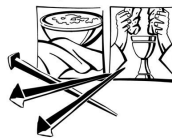


Palm Sunday Services - Sunday April 17

The 10:00 am service will begin in the Parish Hall. After **The Liturgy of the Palms** there will be a *procession into the church. (*Those with difficulty walking may go right into the church).

There will be church school during the 10:00 am service. After completing the procession the children will go into the Parish Hall for classes while the adults enter the church for worship.

HOLY WEEK



Services & Activities

Monday, April 18, 7:00 pm - Home Eucharist: Hosted by Karen Crosby

Tuesday, April 19, 7:00 pm - Adult Holy Week Study (Conference Room)

Thursday, April 21, 7:00 pm - Maundy Thursday Service

(washing of the feet, Holy Eucharist, stripping of the altar, vigil)

Good Friday, April 22, 12 noon & 7:00 pm

(Passion Reading, Solemn Collects, Veneration of the Cross)

Holy Saturday, April 23 , 1:00 pm - Children's Holy Week Scavenger Hunt

(beginning in the Parish Hall)





The Great Vigil of Easter

(the FIRST service of Easter)

Ancient readings, Baptism renewal, Holy Eucharist with
Choir

Saturday, April 23

7:00 pm

Agape Feast in the Parish Hall

(following the Great Vigil, to celebrate the risen Christ)

April 24

8:00 am

(2nd service of Easter)

Holy Eucharist with music but not choir

April 24

10:00 am

(3rd service of Easter)

Holy Eucharist with full choir



Christian Social Action News from Paul Jordan ...

We're pleased to announce this month that Ascension has chosen to participate in an exciting ministry designed to create jobs and economic growth for the much beleaguered country of Haiti. "1000 Jobs for Haiti" works with a Women's Cooperative in the city of Hinche in central Haiti. Greeting cards, tote and market bags, and soon baby clothes are hand made with elaborate embroidery and sold abroad to bring much needed income to the island. Look for a display table of items we will be selling during coffee hours and community events like parades or Main St block parties. These are truly beautiful and unique items sold for a fraction of what they would cost if produced in the US. All proceeds go directly back to the artisans of the Hinche Women's Co-op.

Tasha Connor is seeking a few good volunteers to work with her in putting together the Sunday Supper. The greatest need is for individuals, families or teams who would commit to preparing a main course on a regular schedule. If you have never been to a Sunday Supper, give it a try sometime. The diners enjoy a wonderful camaraderie over their shared meal and genuinely appreciate the effort.

And you don't have to look hard to see that God is fully present at each gathering.

Our Saturday (6pm) Lenten suppers will continue through April 16th. On April 2nd, Susan Gustaitis, Executive Director of the Jonnycake Center will speak about the work of that agency and the continuing need for food aid here in South Kingstown & Washington County.

On April 9th, Michelle Little, Principal of the Wakefield Elementary School, will give a presentation geared for children on Non-Violent Conflict Resolution. The evening will begin with a spaghetti and meatball dinner prepared by our Rector, Wayne Runner.



April 16th will be the last evening of the series with Master Gardeners Anita Burke & Sigrid Hewitt showing us how to get seeds started for the summer vegetable garden. This will also mark the start of our second year of growing organic vegetables for Jonnycake and Sunday Supper.



Sunday School Update From Sandy Arnold



We have so many fun things planned for the end of Lent and the rest of the Sunday School Year! We hope you will join us.

April 3, 2011 Children make Easter eggs with Stephanie White

April 19, 2011 Children will make communion wafers

April 17th Seder - Passover begins on the 18th at sundown

We do not have Sunday School on Easter Sunday

May 1, 2011 Regular Classes

May 8, 2011 Mother's Day - no classes

May 15, and 22, 2011 Regular Classes

May 29, 2011 Memorial Day Weekend - Regular Classes

Any questions? Please feel free to call or e-mail me. All adults are welcome to stay and help out during the activities. Its so much fun!

Sandy Arnold



St. Mary's ECW
From Diane Powers

Saint Mary's ECW will meet **April 13th, at 12 noon** in the conference room.

All the ladies of the parish are welcome to join us.

Members and guest are asked to bring a sandwich.

Dessert and coffee will be provided by the hostesses, Betty Phillips and Nancy Blydenburgh.

After a short business meeting the nominating committee will give their report for election of officers at the May meeting.

This will be followed by an informal chat of our Lenten and Easter memories!

Any questions call Diane Powers



South County Church Women United From Bette Thresher & Shirley Southwick

Lenten Luncheons Continue

The 30 minute service will be followed by a light lunch.. Free will offering will be appreciated

April 6 at Kingston Congregational Speaker: Rev. Juliette Bongfeldt of Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd

April 13 at Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd : Speaker: Rev. Jennifer Phillips of St. Augustine's Church

South County Church Women United Ecumenical Retreat - Save the Date!

We're still in the planning stage! Here's what we have so far:

Date: Saturday April 30,2011

Leader: Madeline Nugent, Portsmouth, RI

Mother of 5, author and spiritual leader

Title: "Be still and know that I am God" Location: To be announced

South County Church Women United meets on the third Tuesday of the month (except December, June,

Tired of the traditional Easter Egg Hunts?

HOLY WEEK



Looking for something more than just eggs filled with jelly beans?

Join us **Saturday, April 23 at 1:00 pm** for a Holy Week Scavenger Hunt.

Scavenger Hunt

The Hunt will begin in the Parish Hall at 1:00 pm. Items representing key events of Holy Week will be on display and the story of Holy Week will be explained by Fr. Wayne.

The Holy Week items will then be hidden and the children will have an opportunity to search for and find the hidden items.

(A reliable source has shared, The Easter Bunny , some eggs will also be hidden)

After all the items have been found we will return them to the Parish Hall and leave better prepared to understand and share in the joy of Easter.



Know Your Vestry!

Each month we will be including a “profile” of one of Ascension’s Vestry members. This month, we are pleased to visit with our Vestry Clerk, Paul Jordan.



You know me already, I’m that guy who keeps nagging you about giving your time and money to one worthy cause after another. I know it’s annoying, but I just can’t help myself! I wasn’t always this way. Although I’d been baptized a Roman Catholic as a baby, it never really took hold of me. My wife Molly brought me into the Episcopal Church when we were dating back in the early 90s. I spent a number of years questioning and second guessing and not really believing. At the baptism of a friend’s child six years ago, God finally got my full attention with the words “sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ’s own for ever.” This fish had long since been caught and was only just now figuring that out!

Since then, my faith has grown without limit. Actually, faith isn’t nearly strong enough a word. I know that God is real and very much present in the world. Our job as Christians is to be the hands God uses to reveal himself through the building of his Kingdom on earth. Of course knowing that creates a real dilemma; there aren’t enough hours in the day or money in the checking account to do all that needs doing. So along with the rest of our Social Action Team, I keep asking for your help and you keep responding with magnificent generosity and enthusiasm!

For me, and I hope for you as well, Ascension is a place where together we experience the mystery and majesty of God while doing our bit of Kingdom building right here in Wakefield. What could be better than that?



Requested April Donations:

Pasta, pasta sauce, and tuna. Toothpaste/brushes shampoo and deodorant. Always welcome: diapers, toilet paper, paper towels, dish soap and laundry detergent



It is not repentance that saves me; repentance is the sign that I realize what God has done in Jesus Christ.

... Oswald Chambers



YOU TOLD ME TO GET A NEW EASTER SUIT AND THIS IS THE ONLY ONE THAT THEY HAD LEFT



Easter Flowers

**Easter Flowers may be given in Thanksgiving and as Memorials
Please complete attached form and return it to the Parish office by
Sunday April 10, 2011**

**All Memorials And Thanksgiving Offerings will be included
in a Memorial Booklet**

Suggested Donation: \$25

**All monies donated will be used to purchase Easter flowers for our
Easter Celebration.**



Name _____

- In Thanksgiving for:** 1. _____
(Please Print) 2. _____
 3. _____
 4. _____
 5. _____

- In Memory of:** 1. _____
 2. _____
 3. _____
 4. _____
 5. _____

Please Attach Additional Sheets As Necessary

Kid's Page

HOT CROSS BUNS

Make this traditional Easter recipe to remember how Christ gave his life for you.

What you need:

- 1 can (12 oz.) evaporated milk
- 1 stick (½ cup) butter, melted
- ½ cup sugar
- Pinch of salt
- 1½ Tablespoons yeast
- 1 egg, beaten
- ½ teaspoon cinnamon
- ½ teaspoon nutmeg
- 5 cups flour
- Icing
- An adult to help

What you do:

1. In large bowl, combine the first eight ingredients.
2. Stir in flour, one cup at a time, to form soft dough. Knead on a floured surface until smooth and elastic (about five minutes).
3. Place in a greased bowl, turning once to grease top. Cover and let rise until doubled (about one hour).
4. Knead out air bubbles. Form six two-inch balls.
5. Place two inches apart on a greased cookie sheet. Cover and let rise until doubled (about 30 minutes).
6. Bake at 375 degrees until golden (13 to 15 minutes). Cool on wire racks.
7. Add icing in a cross shape. Enjoy!



FIX YOUR EYES ON JESUS

Remembering Jesus' life, death and resurrection helps us live with gratitude every day.

Use the picture and number code to fill in the blanks for Hebrews 12:2-3, NIV.



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| 1. Jesus | 5. cross |
| 2. weary | 6. endured |
| 3. endured | 7. scorning |
| 4. opposition | 8. shame |



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| 1. Jesus | 5. perfecter |
| 2. lose | 6. him |
| 3. pioneer | 7. faith |
| 4. sinners | 8. hand |



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| 1. eyes | 5. right |
| 2. us | 6. grow |
| 3. joy | 7. God |
| 4. heart | 8. throne |

"... fixing our _____ on _____, the _____ and
 _____ of _____. For the _____ set before _____
 he _____ the _____, its _____, and
 sat down at the _____ of the _____ of _____.
 Consider _____ who _____ such _____
 from _____, so that you will not _____
 and _____." HEBREWS 12:2-3, NIV























Answer: "...fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart." Hebrews 12:2-3, NIV



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
HE Holy Eucharist SS Sunday Supper CS Church School ECW: St. Mary's Episcopal Church Women						2 5 PM HE Outreach Supper Topic: Jonnycake
3 HE 8a & 10 a CS 9:45 a SS 5 p	4  Lenten Home Eucharist 7 p Hosted by Fred & Maureen Buck	5  Lenten Home Eucharist 7 p Hosted by Fred & Maureen Buck	6  Lenten Home Eucharist 7 p Hosted by Fred & Maureen Buck	7  Lenten Home Eucharist 7 p Hosted by Fred & Maureen Buck	8 5 PM HE Outreach Supper Topic: Conflict Res Fr. Wayne's Dinner	9 5 PM HE Outreach Supper Topic: Conflict Res Fr. Wayne's Dinner
10 HE 8a & 10 a CS 9:45 a SS 5 p	11  Lenten Home Eucharist 7 p Hosted by Christen Collins & Children	12  Lenten Home Eucharist 7 p Hosted by Christen Collins & Children	13  Lenten Home Eucharist 7 p Hosted by Christen Collins & Children	14  Lenten Home Eucharist 7 p Hosted by Christen Collins & Children	15 5 PM HE Outreach Supper Topic: Food Garden	16 5 PM HE Outreach Supper Topic: Food Garden
17 HE 8a & 10 a CS 9:45 a SS 5 p	18  Palm Sunday  Lenten Home Eucharist 7 p Hosted by Karen Crosby	19  Lenten Home Eucharist 7 p Hosted by Karen Crosby	20  Lenten Home Eucharist 7 p Hosted by Karen Crosby	21  Maundy Thursday 7 P	22 GOOD FRIDAY  12 Noon 7 P	23 1 P Children's Scavenger Hunt  Great Vigil 7 P Agape Feast to Follow HOLY SATURDAY
24  Easter HE 8a & 10 a SS 5 p	25  Easter HE 8a & 10 a SS 5 p	26  Easter HE 8a & 10 a SS 5 p	27  Easter HE 8a & 10 a SS 5 p	28  Easter HE 8a & 10 a SS 5 p	29  Easter HE 8a & 10 a SS 5 p	30  Easter HE 8a & 10 a SS 5 p

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Contact the parish office to have your copy sent by e-mail.**

Thanks!

Dates to Remember!

Outreach Saturday Suppers April 2, 9, and 16

Home Eucharists Mondays April 4, 11, and 18 at 7 P

Adult Holy Week Bible Study April 19 at 7 P

Holy Week Services as noted.