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### **A message from the Rector :**

I've survived my first winter in Wakefield. I must say I actually enjoyed the cold weather and the beauty of all the snow here in South County. Having said that... I also have to say I am very much looking forward to HOT weather and my trips to the beach. South County in the summer is like a huge play ground.

I'm sure most of you are also looking forward to summer. Outside cooking, swimming pools, the beach and much needed vacations. After a year of working hard we look forward to some time off, some vacation time. As your priest, I need to remind you we do not take a vacation from God and our church. Hopefully all of us will find some time to get away for a week or two of vacation but we should not consider the summer months as our vacation time from the church. The church still functions throughout the summer, it still has a ministry to the people and it still needs YOU. When you are not with us our family is just not complete.

Last summer I especially noticed that with the ending of Church School for the summer we basically did not see most of our children again until the fall. It is the responsibility of the parent to make sure their child's Christian Education continues. And it does continue throughout the summer. Church School is only half of their Christian Education experience, the other half of their education takes place when they come into the church at the Offertory. Summer provides them with the opportunity to get the full church experience, from beginning to end. Throughout the summer there will be special children's homilies, more hymns that are child friendly and of course the refreshments on the lawn. Attending church, even in the summer, should be a family event. If your child says "but it's summer I don't want to go." Please just remind them... they don't get a vote.

Plan your vacations, but please don't plan to take a vacation from God. Thankfully God does not take a vacation from us !

Yours in Christ

Fr. Wayne

**This Just In!!!**

**Ascension Plant Sale Nets More Than \$1200!!!!**



First we would like to thank everyone who volunteered their time and made purchases, at the Plant Sale. I believe Cliff Gardner would be proud of us!

A special thank you to my sister Arlene Arnold, her time and support made this all possible.

Diane Powers



**Do I hear \$5.00??? Shirley Southwick Auctioneer**

ECW members recently enjoyed a plant auction at their meeting at Jonny Stone's home. Shirley Southwick served as the expert auctioneer for the event.

Thank you, Shirley!

**St. Mary's ECW**

**From Diane Powers**



The ECW will be holding a Yard Sale on Saturday, June 25 from 8 AM to 1 PM. Your donations of good house-hold items may be dropped off mornings between 9 and noon in the parish hall, the week of the sale. No donations after noon on Friday please.

We ask for only good quality summer clothes and no televisions and accessories. Anyone who need articles picked up call Diane Powers.

St. Mary's Episcopal Church Women (ECW) will meet on **Wednesday, June 8th**, for a picnic lunch.

For more information please contact the parish office at 401-783-2911.

**"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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**Requested June Donations:**



Contributions for the Jonnycake Food Pantry for the month of June will be school vacation needs such as cereal, peanut butter and jelly, juice, juice boxes, and macaroni and cheese.

Also needed are insect repellent, sun screen, first aid items and bandages.

**Spring being a tough act to follow,  
God created June.**

**... Al Bernstein**

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**IN AN EFFORT TO REACH THE MORE  
"TECHNOLOGICALLY INCLINED" WE WILL  
BE TEXT-MESSAGING SERMON NOTES**



**Christian Social Action News from Paul Jordan ...**

Let's talk about this month and it's mostly all about food!

Up first, a worrisome observation that our food basket donations to the Jonnycake Center are falling off from our previous high levels. To draw your attention back to this tremendous need in the community, we will be starting a little competition between the three weekly services for most food donated between June 15th & June 15th. And for you 5 & 8 folks don't worry about unfair competition from the 10 o'clock service, the scoring will be evened out by counting everything on a pounds-per-person scale. No idea what the prize will be for the winners yet, but we'll think of something.

Sigrid & Paul will be getting the garden started soon to provide fresh veggies for the Sunday Supper & Jonnycake. We plan to keep it simple this year with salad greens, cherry tomatoes and green beans. If you want to help with planting or watering throughout the summer please let one of us know.

On June 19th the Jonnycake Center will host a fundraiser at Theater-by-the-Sea with food, drink, silent auctions and more. Tickets are \$40. Call them at 789-1559 for details.

The Hunger Task Force, a joint effort of the Jonnycake Center & the URI Feinstein Center for a Hunger Free America will be hosting a Hunger Awareness Day on the Village Green in Peacedale from 5 to 7 pm on June 9th. There will be food, music, free ice cream and informational tables for the many small organizations working to "Feed the Hungry" in our community.

On that theme of feeding the hungry, Sara Miles, author of "Take This Bread" and founder of a church food pantry in San Francisco feeding over 800 people a week, will be the speaker at the Diocesan Convocation next spring. Stay tuned for more information.

Finally, if cancer has impacted your family or friends, consider participating in the "Relay for Life" at Old Mountain Field on July 10th & 11th. This is an 18 hour relay team walk to remember those who have died, celebrate the survivors and raise funds for a cure. Teams bring camping gear, grills and plenty of food to ensure some downtime, refreshment & needed rest for the walkers. Dawn Piers has details in this issue of the *Rising*.

**Can you Commit some Sunday Time to Sunday Supper as Summer Approaches???**



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.

Contact Tasha for specific needs and general info. Thanks We'll see you there!

**RELAY FOR LIFE 2011!**

**Friday June 10th at 4 pm through Saturday,  
June 11th at 10 am. From Dawn Piers  
At Old Mountain Field in Wakefield, RI**

**Form a Team, Join a Team, Make a Donation or Just Join Us For The Fun!**

Stay for the whole event or just for part of it. A touching tribute and Luminary Ceremony happens Friday night along with a Survivor lap. Visit our web page [www.relayforlife.org/southcountryri](http://www.relayforlife.org/southcountryri)

The American Cancer Society Relay For Life is a life-changing event that gives everyone in communities across the globe a chance to celebrate the lives of people who have battled cancer, remember loved ones lost, and fight back against the disease. At Relay, teams of people take turns walking or running around a track or path. Each team is asked to have a representative on the track at all times during the event. Because cancer never sleeps, Relays are overnight events and teams camp out.

Relay began in 1985 when Dr. Gordy Klatt, a colorectal surgeon in Tacoma, Washington, ran and walked around a track for 24 hours to raise money for the American Cancer Society. Since then, Relay has grown from a single man's passion to fight cancer into the world's largest movement to end the disease. Each year, more than 3.5 million people in 5,000 communities in the United States, along with additional communities in 19 other countries, gather to take part in this global phenomenon and raise much-needed funds and awareness to save lives from cancer. Thanks to Relay participants, we are creating a world with more birthdays a world where cancer can't claim another year of anyone's life.

Anyone can participate in Relay For Life. Friends, families, neighbors, classmates, sports teams, etc., can form their own teams. No matter who you are, there's a place for you at Relay.

The only requirement to participate in Relay For Life is the \$10 registration/commitment fee (per person) that is due upon registration. After that, anything you can raise through individual, team, or online fundraising is graciously accepted. It is recommended that each participant to set a personal goal to raise \$100. If you raise more, that's even better. Even if you do not raise \$100, you are still welcome to participate.

If you want to be part of Relay, you can start a team or join an existing team online. You can also make an online donation.

Visit my Team Page [www.relayforlife.org/southcountryri](http://www.relayforlife.org/southcountryri). (Team:Nooney and Friends, Click on Dawn Piers)

Any ???'s contact our relay chair Grace Wheelan @ [gracewheelan@verizon.net](mailto:gracewheelan@verizon.net) or Dawn Piers @ [dpiers57@yahoo.com](mailto:dpiers57@yahoo.com).



National Team Program

**Pounds per Person Challenge!**

**The Saturday 5 PM Service wins "Round 1"**



**The questions posed to the Outreach Committee was:**

How can we make a food drive exciting? How can we get everyone involved?

**The answer:**

Continuing until June 15th, the Church of the Ascension is holding a Food Drive with a twist to benefit the Jonnycake Center in Peace Dale. What is the twist? It's a contest to see which service (Saturday 5pm, Sunday 8am, or Sunday 10am) can donate the most pounds of food per person! Each service will have a separate box for food donations. The Jonnycake Center weighs in food donations and lets us know how many pounds are donated. Using the number of pounds donated and the number of people attending each service, we will have the pounds per person donation!

So bring in your donations (some will be available in the Narthex if you forget...) and make sure to put your donation in the right box! The boxes will be in the back of the church. We will be sure to keep you updated on how each service is doing!

So get your donations ready...and may the best (most generous) service win! Actually...everyone wins in this challenge!

**Sunday School Update From Sandy Arnold**

**We have so many fun things planned for the rest of the Sunday School Year!**

**We hope you will join us.**

June 1, 2011 Regular Classes

June 8, 2011 Mother's Day - no classes

June 15, and 22, 2011 Regular Classes

June 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

# Kid's Page

## PENTECOST MOBILE

Make this craft as a reminder that God's Holy Spirit is all around you.


### What you need:

- Tissue paper (red, yellow, orange), torn into squares
- Plastic transparency
- Craft glue
- Paintbrush
- Construction paper
- Black marker
- Wire hanger
- White copy paper
- Scissors
- Pencil
- Hole punch
- Fishing line



### What you do:


1. Overlap tissue squares as "flames" on the transparency.
2. "Paint" glue (thinned with water) over the squares.
3. Fold construction paper in half. Write out Acts 2:4 at the top, by the fold.
4. Poke the hanger through the middle of the fold.
5. On the white paper, write "Holy Spirit" in English, Spanish (*Espiritu Santo*), French (*L'esprit Saint*), etc.
6. Cut out a flame pattern and trace it on the back of the transparency.
7. Cut out flames and glue the "Holy Spirit" names on them.
8. Thread fishing line through a hole atop each flame and tie flames onto the hanger.



# The Spirit Comes

ACTS 2 TELLS ABOUT A SPECIAL DAY  
WHEN THE HOLY SPIRIT CAME TO THE DISCIPLES.

Use the clues below to complete the crossword puzzle.



**Across**






1. natural movement of air
4. to say something
5. refrain from work
7. place where God is
8. a combustion or burning that gives light, heat and smoke
9. part of mouth that can taste and lick
10. the time between sunrise and sunset
12. the day the Holy Spirit descended on the disciples

**Down**

2. followers of Christ
3. moved apart
6. quickly and unexpectedly
7. a building where people live
11. vibrations that travel through the air

Answers: Across 1. wind, 4. speak, 5. rest, 7. heaven, 8. fire, 9. tongue, 10. day, 12. Pentecost; Down 2. disciples, 3. separated, 6. suddenly, 7. house, 11. sound

# May 2011

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 HE 8a & 10 a CS 9:45 a SS 5 p	2	3	4	5	6	7 5 p HE
8 HE 8a & 10 a CS 9:45 a SS 5 p	9	10 Vestry 7:15 P	11 ECW 12 p Jonny Stone's Home	12	13	14 5 p HE
15 HE 8a & 10 a CS 9:45 a SS 5 p 	16	17 Adult Bible Study 7 p	18	19	20	21  PLANT SALE 8a-2p 5 p HE
22 HE 8a & 10 a CS 9:45 a SS 5 p 	23	24 Adult Bible Study 7 p	25	26	27	28 5 p HE
29 HE 8a & 10 a CS 9:45 a SS 5 p 	30  <i>Parish Office closed</i>	31		HE Holy Eucharist SS Sunday Supper CS Church School ECW: St. Mary's Episcopal Church Women		

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**Receive your Rising electronically and save!  
Contact the parish office to have your copy sent by e-mail.  
Thanks!**

### **Dates to Remember!**

**ECW Picnic Lunch June 8, 2011**

**Pounds Per Person Continues through June 15, 2011**

**ECW Yard Sale June 25, 2011 8am - 1 pm**