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Rising



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A message from the Rector :

We just completed a very spiritual journey together beginning with Lent, going through Holy Week and ending with the joy of Easter. My journey was made more special for me by sharing so much of it with you. Some people like numbers so here is a very positive number for you, 450. That number represents the total number of people participating in worship services beginning with Palm Sunday, going through Holy Week and culminating with the resurrection of our Lord on Easter. Thank you for your support of these services and thank you for sharing this most holy time with me.

The journey does not end with Easter, in fact, Easter begins the Great Fifty Days of Easter. This is the season in the church that begins with the first service of Easter and continues until the Day of Pentecost. From the time of the early church the Great Fifty Days of Easter has been the season of mystagogy, the new life in the church.

(Mystagogy: From the Greek word *mystagogia*, "initiation into the mysteries," mystagogy is a term used in the ancient catechumenate to refer to a period of study, teaching, and preaching on the meaning of the sacraments and life in Christ to newly baptized.)

So our journey continues for the next 50 days as we learn more about the sacraments of the church. Scripture assigned for Sunday worship and the sermons will emphasize the life of Christ and the Adult Bible Study classes will be addressing the sacraments of the church.

Easter was not the end of our journey it was just the beginning. Join with me as we continue to enrich our spiritual life with study, teaching and preaching.

Sharing the experience together will really make it a GREAT Fifty Days.

God's peace,

The Great Fifty Days of Easter is traditionally a time of study, teaching, and preaching on the meaning of the sacraments and the life of Christ.

The Adult Bible Classes will be exploring each of the **seven sacraments** of the church. Through the course of our life, most of us experience the majority of these sacraments but many do not understand their origins and what they mean to us as a Christian.

Topic for May 17th - The Sacrament of Holy Baptism.

Join Us! May 17 and May 24 at 7 PM in the Conference Room



Our Thanks to All Who Contributed to Our Lenten Observances and a Most Joyous Holy Week!

A very long list indeed this month. Starting with our Mardi Gras celebration, we thank Betty McCabe, all of the kids and Diane Powers for a great evening.

Thanks to our Junior Warden Laura Krekorian and all who have beautified the Ascension grounds with hard work and aching muscles.

Thanks to all who participated in the services of Holy Week. Four hundred and fifty people were blessed by our services.

To our Organist, Susan and members of the choir - your music graced the liturgy in a very special way at each service - Thank you!

Thanks to everyone on the altar guild and the "flower people" who prepared our beautiful sanctuary for every special celebration.

To our Ascension children and their dedicated teachers - thank you for your special gift of the communion wafers and your Easter music.

Thanks to Diane Powers for a wonderful Agape Feast.

Thanks to Marjorie Perkins and Jim Connor for all of their work during this special season.

And finally, our most special thanks to Fr. Wayne and to Karen for all they do for all of us at Ascension . It was a Joyous celebration of the Living Christ! Thank you!

"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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27th ANNUAL PLANT SALE

Saturday, May 21 2011

8:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Prices to be announced

Church of the Ascension, Main & Kenyon Streets Wakefield

Sponsored by Ascension's Men's Club

All profits for church and community charities.



Bedding flowers - Vegetables - Hanging Baskets - Geraniums Limited selection of herbs and perennials from local gardens

Just note number of boxes you would like, fill out the form below and leave it at the church office.

If you don't find what you're looking for, or have a question, call **Diane Powers 783-8613**.

Please leave your name and number with your order. Thank You!

\$2.00 per box		() plants per box		Circle color or variety	
FLOWERS	Quantity	FLOWERS	Quantity	VEGETABLES	Quantity
Ageratum (6) blue		Marigolds, (4) yellow tall		Cantaloupe (4)	
Alyssum (6) white		Marigold, dwarf (6)		Cucumbers (4)	
Cleome, mixed (4)		Pansy (4)		Eggplant	
Cockscomb		Petunia (4) red, white, blue, pink		Lettuce, red and salad bowl	
Coleus, (4) mixed		Salvia, dwarf, 6)		Peppers, green bell, hot	
Dahlia, dwarf (4)		Snapdragon, tall, dwarf mix		Squash, yellow, zucchini	
Dusty Miller (6)		Verbena, mixed		Tomatoes: Patio	
Potted Geraniums: 4" price to be announced red, pink, salmon, white		Wax begonias, pink, white		Big Boy	
Impatiens (4) white, pink, red rose purple		Zinnia, short		Celebrity	
Lobelia, trailing (6) blue		Miscellaneous Perennials		Cherry sweet 100	
		Assorted hanging baskets		Broccoli	

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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 new Treasurer, Karen Crosby.



As I began to write this introduction of myself, I realized that I have been a member of seven Episcopal churches over the course of my life. As I mentioned in a previous *Rising* article each of those places was very different; from Massachusetts to Georgia to Texas to New Jersey and now finally back to Rhode Island and New England. When we first made our decision to build our “retirement” home in RI to be closer to our children and grandchildren, I attended a 5 PM Saturday service on a very cold, wet, and dark November afternoon. As you might expect Sandra noticed the “visitors” – there were only 6 people in church. I was thoroughly impressed by my welcome to Ascension and when our home was finally finished and we arrived in Wakefield, The Church of the Ascension was my first stop.

At one of the recent Holy Week services, I had a great feeling of being at home at Ascension when I realized that I knew the name of every person in the congregation. The people of Ascension have that effect on me. The caring concern that everyone has for each member is a gift that we give to one another, and I am privileged to be a member of such a caring community.

I’ve worn a couple of “hats” in the last seven years. I’m the one always hounding you for pictures for the web pages and the *Rising*. Two years ago, I was fortunate to work with a very dedicated group of people to construct our Parish Profile which, in some small part, contributed to Fr. Wayne’s acceptance of our call. Most recently, I’ve accepted a new challenge, serving as the Treasurer of Ascension. I have started the process of learning the Treasurer’s role, and with Bill Kelly graciously serving as my role model and mentor, I know I am in good hands. I pray daily for the continued health and vitality of Ascension. I know that God has a plan for the work that we do individually and as a Parish, and I look for his guidance as we move forward together.

God’s Peace, *Karen*



Jonnycake Center
of Peace Dale

Requested May Donations:

- Pasta sauce, pasta, tuna, cereal
- Baby formula Diapers and pull-ups, toilet paper, paper towels



**Spring shows what God can do with a drab and dirty world.
... Virgil A. Kraft**

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HOW CAN YOU NOT BELIEVE IN JESUS?!? HE IS STANDING ... RIGHT ... HERE!



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 May 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 May 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

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. (Team:Nooney and Friends, Click on Dawn Piers)

Any ???'s contact our relay chair Grace Wheelan @ gracewheelan@verizon.net or Dawn Piers @ dpiers57@yahoo.com.



National Team Program

The Pounds per Person Challenge!

The Food Drive with a Twist... Dawn Piers

Pounds Per Person

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

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

The answer:

The Pounds per Person Challenge!

From May 15th 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.**

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.

It's so much fun!

Sandy Arnold

**St. Mary's ECW From Diane Powers**Saint Mary's ECW will meet **May 11th, at 12 noon** at the home of Jonny Stone

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

Members and guest are asked to bring a sandwich, also a plant from their home or garden for a fun auction.

Any questions call Diane Powers 783-8613

Kid's Page

Puzzle Brooch

Make this keepsake to let your mom, grandma or aunt know that you wouldn't be complete without her!

What you need:

- Several old puzzle pieces
- Acrylic paints
- Paintbrush
- Craft glue
- Sequins or small buttons
- Metal jewelry safety pin (flat on the bottom)

What you do:

1. Paint the puzzle pieces and let them dry.
2. Come up with a design; for example, place two pieces on the bottom and one on top.
3. Glue the pieces in place so they form one brooch. Decorate by gluing on sequins or buttons.
4. When the brooch is completely dry, glue a jewelry safety pin on the bottom.
5. Give the gift on Mother's Day!





Our mother's instructions

God gives us parents to help us learn about following his ways. Cherishing our mothers means valuing their guidance.

Use the boxed word codes below to complete Proverbs 6:20-22, NIV.

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walk speak fathers sleep keep always

guide awake son forsake teaching

around heart neck mothers fasten watch

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"My your command

and do not your .

Bind them on your .

them your .

When you , they will you;






when you , they will over you;

when you , they will to you."

Proverbs 6:20-22, NIV

Answers: "My son, keep your father's command and do not forsake your mother's teaching. Bind them always on your heart; fasten them around your neck. When you walk, they will guide you; when you sleep, they will watch over you; when you awake, they will speak to you." Proverbs 6:20-22, NIV

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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Go GREEN!!!

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

Dates to Remember!

ECW May 11, 2011 12 noon

Pounds Per Person May 15 - June 15, 2011

Adult Bible Study May 17 and May 24, 2011 7 P

Annual Plant Sale Saturday May 21, 2011 8a - 2p