

THE HERALD

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LETTER FROM THE RECTOR

Dear Friends in Christ:

Normally, in Lent, we expect to feel a sense of austerity. This is often facilitated by changes in church and changes in behavior, and generally the cold weather helps to seal the deal. The austerity, of course, isn't a means unto itself, but is supposed to help us focus our thoughts on Christ's sacrifices for us, and the promise of new and eternal life in him that we celebrate each Easter.

This year, however, the out-of-the-ordinary events of mid-March, combined with unusually warm weather at times, has caused us to focus more on God's abundance. I don't think this is a bad thing: sometimes, especially when it's not expected, abundant blessings from God are particularly welcome. And that abundance got me thinking:

- St. John's is a very hospitable place. We had hundreds of guests at our church between March 17 & 18, and I feel confident that every one of them felt welcomed.
- We know how to feed people. Between the reception on March 17 and the record-setting sale of meals at Deacon Alex's corned beef dinner on March 18, good food and Christian fellowship abounded.

Additionally, the combining of the Wednesday and Friday evening Lenten activities on one night, Thursday, has proved to be a success. Attendance at Stations of the Cross, the supper, and the program has been good and consistent, and has facilitated continued cultivation of our friendship with St. John Lutheran Church.

Lastly, but perhaps most importantly, the new Christian Education program for young children debuted the First Sunday of Lent. Expertly led by Ellen Dyakiw, the class has been an instant sensation. Five to seven children have been participating, and their enthusiasm for the class has been obvious to everyone who has watched them come into church afterwards. All of us owe Ellen a great debt of thanks for her willingness to take this project on, and for doing it so well. There is no better devotion of time or resources to steeping our children in the faith.

So all these things combine to make Lent seem less somber than usual, and I feel like we've received a very early foretaste of Easter joy. Nevertheless, I hope the season has been one of increased devotion and holiness for you. See the article elsewhere in the *Herald* about our Holy Week and Easter services, and please plan to attend.

Faithfully,

(The Rev.) Christopher V. Pyles



DEACON'S PERCH

Dear Friends of St. John's:

Due to unexpected chaplain duties at Mount Nittany Medical Center and the resulting constraints on my time, my monthly column will be brief. I ask for your prayers, as I pray for you.

- A special thank-you to all who cooked, baked, served tables, donated food, and, of course, came to eat. The Corned Beef dinner was a huge success: we sold 100 dinners in three hours. Please accept my deepest thanks.
- The Faith Centre's *Bread of Life* program began on March 10. I led a short Bible study, and we learned how to make two tasty summer salads. If anyone is interested in helping or attending, please let me know.
- Many of you have asked for an update on the prison ministry: there are 22 inmates participating in the 12-step AA/NA program. I have witnessed many people participate and become productive citizens upon release. I am grateful to all of you who have donated to this effort; after three years, it's still going strong. *Thank you again* ----
Deacon Alex

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

SERVICE SCHEDULE

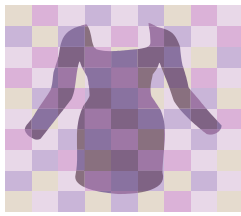
We return to Rite Two at choral services on Palm Sunday.

Palm Sunday	8 & 10
Monday in Holy Week	7:30 P.M.
Tuesday in Holy Week	7:30 P.M.
Wednesday in Holy Week	7:30 P.M.
Maundy Thursday	7:30 P.M.
Good Friday	
Ecumenical Service	1 P.M.
Good Friday Liturgy	7:30 P.M.
Holy Saturday: Easter Vigil	8 P.M. (reception to follow)
Easter Day	8 & 10

No Coffee Hour on Palm Sunday or Easter Day.

The Parish Office is closed Easter Monday!

As an old priest from a parish in Philadelphia used to say, "no cross, no crown." What he meant by that was the meaning of Easter is difficult to fully appreciate without having walked into Jerusalem with Jesus on Palm Sunday; sharing in the institution of the Holy Eucharist with him on Maundy Thursday; standing at the foot of the cross on Good Friday; and anticipating the dawning of Easter at the Vigil. The clergy, the servers, and the choir of our parish work hard to offer a full complement of Holy Week services. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend.



KATHY'S CLOSET

A new idea is taking root on High Street.

Upon the death of her sister, Kathy Jones, Susan Christy developed the concept for “Kathy’s Closet” – a new sales venue operating from her store, Everything Bellefonte, at 131 E. High Street. Kathy’s Closet – which is already up and running – is starting out as a vehicle for selling Kathy’s fine clothing items. Those who knew Kathy remember her beautiful smile, her generosity, and her big heart. But Kathy also had excellent taste in clothing and accessories. The proceeds of the sales of the items in her “closet” will benefit St. John’s Church. Some items have already been sold, so in order for the financial benefit to the church to continue, more items to sell must be acquired. Parishioners can help with this.

Here’s how it will work:

- If you have quality, seasonal, gently worn or new women’s clothing or accessories; small, unique decorative items; framed art work; or small pieces of furniture, please phone or email one of the Committee Members (see below). The Committee will come to pick up the item(s).
- This will not be a thrift store. No “drop-offs” at the shop or at the church will be accepted. The idea is to stock higher-end items in Kathy’s Closet, which will produce a higher yield for the church.
- The Kathy’s Closet Committee will be looking for items to complement what’s already in the store. In some cases, a good item that you want to donate might not be accepted because it wouldn’t complement the other merchandise. Space is limited, so the Committee has to be selective. Your understanding is appreciated.
- The Committee will determine the sale price of the item.

Eventually, larger or more expensive items, such as clocks, estate furniture, estate jewelry, etc., will be sought for sale on eBay. In such cases, those items will remain in your home; a member of the Committee will stop by to take a picture, which will then be posted on the internet. The buyer will be responsible for collecting, or for arranging/paying for shipment of the item.

If you have items as described above that you would like to donate, please contact a member of the Kathy’s Closet Committee:

Susan Christy: 814-353-0783 (Everything Bellefonte), 814-321-3774 (cell); or email at Christylamb1@hotmail.com;

Mark E. Scott (Toby): 814-355-0422 (Martiques Studio), 814-321-6362 (cell), or email at studio126@hotmail.com

Mike Fitzgerald: 814-355-2451; leave a message.

This project can only work with the cooperation and generosity of the parish. Kathy’s Closet will become a real draw in Bellefonte if we can keep it stocked with beautiful, desirable items. If you need more information about this endeavor, please contact one of the members of the Committee above. Please do NOT call the parish office with questions. And, if you’re in the mood to shop, please stop by Kathy’s Closet – you might just find what you’ve been looking for!

Blessings,

Mark E. Scott (Toby)

NEW VESTMENTS COMING

St. John's is blessed to have more than one ordained person functioning at services. But as this has only happened within the last few years, the church does not yet have the vestments to support this development.

We are in the process of acquiring a new set of white vestments, which would be worn on the principal feasts of the church year, and in some cases, during the seasons that follow: Christmas and Easter, plus Epiphany, Trinity Sunday, Corpus Christi, All Saints, and any feast of Our Lord or Our Lady. In other words, we will be able to wear the white set almost half the time.

Additionally, the new set will provide for a lay person to be vested similarly to the clergy. This person will be referred to as the subdeacon and will have additional functions during the liturgy. Theologically, this would be a desirable development.

About a third of the cost of the new vestments has already been secured, but about \$3,500 more is needed. A "naming gift" has not yet been received, but a set of vestments is a wonderful way to memorialize a departed loved one, or to honor someone still living. Please speak to Father Chris if you can help or if you have questions.

ONE VOLUNTEER'S STORY

I was asked to write a little piece about my outreach efforts as an acting and performance teacher of young children for the local community theatre. It is true that for eight years — or was it ten? — I taught the fourth and fifth grade section of the annual State College Community Theatre (SCCT) winter workshop for children. That was a meaningful and fun way to reach out to the community. However, I would like to share with my brothers and sisters in Christ at St. John's something much more personal.

For the past sixteen years, I have gotten everything I ever auditioned for or applied for in the theatre. If it was a play, I got the part; if I applied for a directing position, I got the gig. With my professional experience on Broadway and such, I always could count on rising to the top in any local venue. Then it happened. In December, I was invited to audition for the musical *Grey Gardens* at Penn State. And I lost the part to someone else. I remember the email from the director the next day saying he had decided to "go another way...". A shock went through me; it was like a thunderbolt of confusion and sadness. Rejection. Something we all try to avoid — because it is devastating. And a few weeks ago, I applied and interviewed for my fifth summer in a row to direct a musical at the Boal Barn Playhouse. But the producers decided to give someone else a directing opportunity this summer. And then — because bad stuff always comes in threes — the worst blow of all. I auditioned to be in one of the musicals at the Boal Barn and didn't get cast. Rejected. Again. Mind you, I have a great relationship with everyone at SCCT! They just decided to spread the wealth and give other folks a chance — it's community theatre! But that doesn't help the pang of rejection, and the wash of resentment, having to accept no assignment at all — except to sell candy at the canteen.

Then, a reading in our Ash Wednesday liturgy mentioned taking time to reflect and repent, and take stock of what we have to be grateful for. I thought of Christ's suffering on the cross for our redemption, and realized how little there is to be said to excuse my angst over not always being the "it" girl in the local theatre world. And so, I plan to persevere, with a positive and generous outlook to be helpful rather than being helped. In Lent, I am making every effort to "give up" pride and vanity; Lord willing!

Blessings to all,
Martha Traverse



MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW...

You might recall hearing that St. John's wants to build on our crowd-feeding prowess this year to provide the church with a few more fundraising opportunities. And, if you attended the Corned Beef dinner last month, you saw the year's dinner schedule on the placemats and purple flyers. The first such dinner will be **Friday, May 6, from 4 to 7 p.m.** Once again expertly headed up by Charlie Hilderbrand, the kitchen will be serving spaghetti-and-meatball dinners with all the traditional fixin's, plus dessert. You can eat in or carry out; sit-down diners can have all they can eat.

As is usually the case with dinners like these, there will be sign-up sheets on the table in the back of the church for food items to donate so that the proceeds of the dinner sales will be pure profit for the church. There will also be a need for helpers to set-up, serve, and clean-up.

Even though it will be busy in the church with Easter fewer than two weeks before the first dinner, please keep an eye out for the sheets and please help, and *spread the word*. The office has plenty of flyers and placemats to hand out or post. Together, we can make these dinners a huge success!



LAST CALL FOR BASEBALL!

Readers of last month's *Herald* will remember the article about a parish trip via train to Philadelphia on July 29 to watch the Phillies battle the Pirates.

As of this writing, about a dozen folks have signed up, ranging in age from 4 to 74. In order to have the greatest selection of desirable seats at Citizens Bank Park and the greatest choice of hotel rooms, we will need to finalize arrangements soon.

If you'd like to go, please sign up on the sheet on the table in the back of the church. If you have any questions Please speak with Fr. Chris.

CHORAL EVENSONG THIS SUNDAY AT ST. ANDREW'S



Everyone is invited to Evensong at our companion parish, St. Andrew's, State College, at 6 p.m. on Sunday, April 3. Choral Evensong is a cherished part of our Anglican tradition; it is heard on public radio throughout Great Britain on Sunday afternoons, broadcast from different cathedrals on a rotating basis. It's slightly harder to come by in America, so when opportunities like this one arise, we should take advantage. Bishop Baxter will attend and will preside; Father Richard Wall will be the Officiant; Father Chris will read one of the lessons. There will be a reception afterwards with information shared on the Episcopal Church's ongoing relief efforts in Haiti. All are welcome.

SPRING "GREENING" OF THE CHURCH

You might have seen the sign-up sheet on the table in the back of the church already, and you might have read about this project in the announcements in the bulletin, but here's a recap of this very important and worthwhile endeavor, which will be taking place on Saturday, April 9 at the church:

Chiefly as a result of the age and size of our buildings, and previously inexpensive sources of heat, the church, the rectory, and the parish hall suffer from poor to non-existent insulation in many areas. An intrepid group of knowledgeable Vestry members, known as the "Green Team", has systematically identified a wide variety of relatively quick and easy fixes that people with minimal experience with this sort of work could do. The Green Team and the volunteers will be convening at the church on April 9 (time TBA) to make a start. Anyone who has any interest in helping is asked to sign up, or to contact Vestry and Green Team member Patrick North.

FROM THE TREASURER ...

FEBRUARY RECEIPTS:	\$13,900.09
FEBRUARY EXPENSES:	<u>\$13,764.00</u>
FEBRUARY BALANCE:	\$ 136.09

UPCOMING EVENTS

Community Lunch:

Those who help with the Bellefonte Lunch Program are reminded that they will be responsible for preparing and serving lunch on **Friday, April 1, 2011**

Holy Week:

See Holy Week Schedule in the Newsletter.

"Spring Greening":

See article in the Newsletter.

Vestry Meeting:

Members of the Vestry are reminded the vestry meeting has been changed to **Wednesday, April 27, 2011 at 7:30 pm**

Congratulations, Elizabeth!

Elizabeth Catchmark, daughter of Rose Mary and Jeffrey Catchmark, recently took home the top prize at the regional *Poetry Out Loud Contest* at the State Theatre.

Elizabeth was named a regional finalist with her recitations of "Agoraphobia" by Linda Pastan, "The Time I've Lost in Wooing" by Thomas Moore, and "The Illiterate" by William Meridith.

Elizabeth competed for the State title at the governor's mansion in Harrisburg, and had her picture taken with the Governor.

Elizabeth, St. John's salutes you! Well done!

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Terence Riley, Sexton

LAY LEADERS

Dr. Karen Harvey, Senior Warden Mike Fitzgerald, Junior Warden

Charles E. Maurukas, Acolyte Director

SERVICE SCHEDULE

Sundays: Low Mass at 8 (Rite I); Sung Mass at 10 (Rite II)

Wednesdays: Low Mass at 9:30 in St. Michael's Chapel

Thursday: Low Mass at 12 noon at the Mary Altar in the Church

The Parish Office is open Monday through Thursday from 9 A.M. to 12 NOON. For after hours emergencies, or whenever the services of a priest are needed, please phone the rector at the cell phone number listed above.

WE WELCOME OUR VISITORS! We are delighted that you are worshiping with us today. If you would like more information about our historic church, our programs, or our various ministries, please speak with one of the clergy or the Eucharistic Minister after the service. If you are looking for a church home, we invite you to consider St. John's. You are welcome here.

IF YOU ARE A BAPTIZED CHRISTIAN, YOU ARE WELCOME TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION IN THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

WE ARE PARTNERS IN CHRIST WITH THE LOVE OF GOD ON OUR LIPS AND IN OUR LIVES

APRIL BIRTHDAYS – 2011

April	2	-	Kurtis Strouse
April	4	-	Sara Witmer
April	6	-	Joshua Feters Kathy Wheeler
April	9	-	Steve Dillon Cody Fitzgerald Mitchell Holland
April	20	-	Susan Christy
April	22	-	Sara Spicer David Auman Jason Traverse
April	23	-	Zackery Foster
April	28	-	Brian Spicer
April	29	-	Daniel McGinley, Sr.

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"HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL"



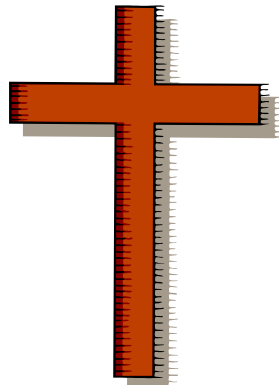
St. John's Volunteers:

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

| | 8 AM | 10:00 AM |
|---|-------------|------------------------------------|
| Lent IV, April 3, 2011
Year A | Dn. Dyakiw | NT & Chalice
D. Cree |
| Lent V, April 10, 2011
Year A | Dn. Dyakiw | J. Dench |
| Palm Sunday, April 17, 2011
Year A | Dn. Dyakiw | S. Witmer |
| Maundy Thursday, April 21, 2011
7:30 PM
Year A | Dn. Dyakiw | K. Grossman |
| Good Friday, April 22, 2011
7:30 PM
Year A | Dn. Dyakiw | J. Hilderbrand |
| Holy Saturday, April 23, 2011
8:00 PM
Year A | Dn. Dyakiw | D. Cree |
| Easter Sunday, April 24, 2011
10:00 AM
Year A | S. Mauger | J. Dench |

ALTAR GUILD SCHEDULE

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| April 2 through April 8 | M.K. Jones, Bette Shugert |
| April 9 through April 15 | M. K. Jones, Bette Shugert |
| April 17 through April 23
Palm Sunday and Holy Week | B. Raymond, B. Roberson, J. Dench |
| April 24 through April 30
Easter Sunday | B. Raymond, B. Roberson, J. Dench |



Acolyte Schedule

Sunday April 3, 2011
10:00 AM-Mass
Lent IV

Crucifer - J. Dench
Torchbearer - Sean Hough
Torchbearer - Bryan Hough
Bookbearer/Server - Carl Meeker

Sunday, April 10, 2011
10:00 AM-Mass
Lent V

Crucifer - Charles Maurukas
Torchbearer - Bryan Hough
Torchbearer - Steve Dillon
Book BearerServer - Sean Hough

Sunday, April 17, 2011
10:00 AM – Mass
Sunday of the Passion
Palm Sunday

Crucifer - Steve Dillon
Torchbearer - Jason Dench
Torchbearer - Sean Hough
Bookbearer/Server - Carl Meeker
Thurifer - Charles Maurukas

Thursday, April 21, 2011
7:30 PM – Mass
Maundy Thursday

Crucifer - Carl Meeker
Torchbearer - Bryan Hough
Torchbearer - Sean Hough
Bookbearer/Server - Jason Dench
Thurifer - Charles Maurukas

Friday, April 22, 2011
Community Service
Good Friday

Crucifer - Looking for a volunteer

Friday, April 22, 2011
7:30-Mass
Good Friday Liturgy

Crucifer - Steve Dillon
Torchbearer - Bryan Hough
Torchbearer - Carl Meeker
Bookbearer/Server - Sean Hough

Saturday, April 23, 2011
8:00 PM-Mass
Holy Saturday
The Great Vigil of Easter

Crucifer - Bryan Hough
Torchbearer - Sean Hough
Torchbearer - Jason Dench
Bookbearer/Server - Carl Meeker
Thurifer - Charles Maurukas

Sunday, April 24, 2011
10:00 AM-Mass
The Sunday of the Resurrection
Easter Day

Crucifer - Steve Dillon
Torchbearer - Bryan Hough
Torchbearer - Carl Meeker
Bookbearer/Server - Sean Hough
Thurifer - Charles Maurukas

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS FOR APRIL

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|-------|----|---|--------------------------------|
| April | 3 | - | Potluck Lunch |
| April | 10 | - | Ellen Dyakiw, Kathryn Grossman |
| April | 17 | - | No Coffee Hour – Palm Sunday |
| April | 23 | - | No Coffee Hour – Easter Sunday |
| April | 30 | - | Betsy & Jerry Bowersox |

EASTER FLOWER ORDER FORM

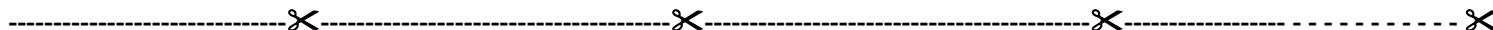
St. John's Altar Guild is receiving contributions to assist in decorating the church for the Easter holiday. Please use the attached form in making your donation. All donations should be returned to the parish office no later than **Monday, April 18, 2011**. Checks should be made payable to **St. John's Episcopal Church** and should be clearly marked **EASTER FLOWERS** on the memo line. Thank you!

Your Name: _____

IN MEMORY OF:

IN HONOR OF:

IN THANKSGIVING FOR:



APRIL 2011

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|--|--|--|---|---|--|--|
| | | | | | 1

11 am-
Community
Lunch | 2 |
| 3 Lent IV
Rose Sunday
8 am-Mass-Rite I
10 am-Mass-Rite I
Pot-luck Lunch
following the 10
am Mass | 4 | 5 | 6
9:30 am-
Mass/Healing | 7

Noon-Mass at
the Mary Altar

6 pm-Stations,
Soup, Lenten
Program | 8 | 9 |
| 10 Lent V
8 am-Mass-Rite I
10 am-Mass-Rite I
Coffee Hour | 11

Easter Candy
Delivery | 12 | 13
9:30 am-
Mass/Healing | 14

Noon-Mass at
the Mary Altar

6 pm-Stations,
Soup, Lenten
Program | 15 | 16 |
| 17 Sunday of the
Passion Palm
Sunday
8 am-Mass-Rite
10 am-Mass-Rite
II | 18 Holy
Monday

7:30 pm-Mass | 19 Holy
Tuesday

7:30 pm-Mass | 20 Holy
Wednesday
9:30 am-
Mass/Healing

7:30 pm-Mass | 21 | 22 Good
Friday

1 pm-
Community
Service
7:30 pm-Good
Friday Liturgy | 23 Holy Saturday

7:30 pm-The
Great Vigil of
Easter-Followed
by Party |
| 24 Easter Sunday
Sunday of the
Resurrection
8 am-Mass-Rite I
10 am-Mass-Rite
II | 25 Monday in
Easter Week

Office Closed | 26 Tuesday in
Easter Week

Herald
Deadline | 27 Wednesday in
Easter Week
9:30 am-
Mass/Healing

7:30 pm-Vestry
Meeting | 28 Thursday in
Easter Week | 29 Friday in
Easter Week | 30 Saturday in
Easter Week |