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RECTOR'S LETTER

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Dear Friends in Christ:

An Eastertide newsletter article would be remiss without recognizing those who helped Holy Week and Easter services to go so smoothly. That said, of course we recognize that no one who attended, prepared, served, or helped was doing so for formal acknowledgement; all our efforts at church are to the greater glory of God, regardless of whether we are thanked!

- The Altar Guild remains, of course, the unsung heroes of Holy Week. At no other time of the year are they pushed to the limit in such a way. Their vigilance, constant presence, careful planning and preparation go a long way in making the special ceremonies beautiful and edifying.
- The Altar Servers, though small in number, toiled tirelessly to enable our liturgies to unfold beautifully. The once-a-year services were no match for our exceedingly capable crew: everyone more than carried their weight, and took the tasks at hand seriously, to brilliant ceremonial effect.
- The choir was asked to learn a variety of new music, and was called upon to support the services in new and different ways. Under the leadership of Kay Putnam, they responded to the challenge with vigor and aplomb, and our worship was the better for their hard work, determination and talent.
- The Easter Vigil party was absolutely extraordinary. Through the coordinating efforts of Nancy Andrews, the reception was nothing short of spectacular, and an entirely suitable affair to bring in Easter, the Queen of Feasts. Thanks to all who prepared such delicious food and who made the room look its festive best.
- While covering chaplaincy duties at the hospital, Deacon Alex still found the time and the energy to be present at church each evening for services. The participation of a deacon in our worship adds incalculable and significant liturgical depth and luster, and I am grateful to him for being here.

To have experienced my first Easter as rector of a parish here at St. John's was truly a blessing for me. I am glad to have had a chance to share this holy season with you.

Now, we find ourselves in the Great Fifty Days – the period that the risen Lord walked the earth before his Ascension into heaven and the arrival of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. In Eastertide, we hear Gospel readings highlighting Jesus' post-resurrection appearances, which remind us of Jesus' promise that he is with us always. In this season – which lasts until Pentecost – the liturgical color is white, signifying the spirit of celebration. Isaiah 25:6 seems especially appropriate as we think about how to mark this special time in the church year – perhaps with “a feast of fat things, a feast of wine on the lees, of fat things full of marrow, of wine on the lees well refined.” Enjoy this season of the victory of life over death – of the celebration of Christ rising from the dead.

Faithfully yours,

The Rev. Christopher V. Pyles
Rector

OUR SPAGHETTI DINNER FUNDRAISER WILL BE FRIDAY, MAY 6, FROM 4 TO 7 P.M. As of this writing, the sign-up sheet for donations of food and help is almost completely full, and thanks to the artistic efforts of Ellen Dyakiw, who created the sign out front, and the organizational and culinary talents of Charlie Hilderbrand, we are poised for success. Of course, these dinners are a team effort, and everyone who makes a contribution of food, assistance, or financial support can share in our expected sense of accomplishment.

LOOKING AHEAD...

- June 2 – Ascension Day (Thursday); joint service at St. Andrew’s in State College at 7 p.m.
- June 5 – Corned beef and hash breakfast – bring a friend to church Sunday
- June 10-11 – Diocesan Convention, held at Bucknell University
- June 19 – Pastrami Sunday and Father’s Day
- June 24 – Next Fundraising Dinner – last one until September

BUILDING ON THE SUCCESS OF LAST MONTH’S WORK IN THE BOILER ROOM under the parish hall, the Green Team is conducting another clean up/clean out day – this time of the undercroft of the church – to pave the way for important insulation work to be done. If you can carry, shift, or lift even smaller items even just for a little while, please sign up today. The work will be done the morning/early afternoon of Saturday, May 14. If you have any questions, please speak to Father Chris or to Patrick North.

OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL PROGRAM CONTINUES TO GO FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH. Eleven children have now attended at one time or another, although the usual class size is 5 to 7. Many have applauded teacher Ellen Dyakiw’s submissions in the Sunday bulletins about what the children are learning. Our thanks go to Ellen for her extraordinary talent, leadership and dedication to the program, and to the parents and children for making Sunday School a priority. Class meets each week from 9:50 to about 10:45.

FROM THE TREASURER ...

MARCH RECEIPTS: \$16,914.68
MARCH EXPENSES: \$13,764.00
MARCH BALANCE: \$ 3,150.68

UPCOMING EVENTS

FRIDAY - MAY 6,
COMMUNITY LUNCH, PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SPAGHETTI DINNER– 4:00 PM-7:00 PM

THURSDAY - MAY 5, 12,26
NOON –MASS, MARY ALTAR, BROWN BAG LUNCH, BIBLE STUDY

SATURDAY – MAY 14
GREEN TEAM = CLEAN OUT THE UNDERCROFT – 9 AM-??

THURSDAY – MAY 19
CENTRE CREST MASS – 2 PM

MONDAY – MAY 23
HERALD DEADLINE

FRIDAY MAY 27
SUPPER CLUB -
HUBLERSBURG HOTEL
7:30 PM

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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 worshipping 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

**St. John's Volunteers:
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:**

	8 AM	10:00 AM
Easter II, May 1, 2011	Dn. Dyakiw	NT & Chalice S. Witmer
Easter III, May 8, 2011	Dn. Dyakiw	K. Grossman
Easter IV, May 15, 2011	Dn. Dyakiw	J. Hilderbrand
Easter V, May 22, 2011	Dn. Dyakiw	D. Cree
Easter VI, May 29, 2011	S. Mauger	J. Dench

ALTAR GUILD SCHEDULE

May 1 through May 6	C. Fetters, S. Witmer
May 7 through May 13	C. Fetters, S. Witmer
May 14 through May 20	J. Jackson, P. Jackson
May 21 through May 27	J. Jackson, P. Jackson
May 28 through June 3	K. Harvey, J. Dench, L. Meeker

ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

Sunday May 1, 2011 10:00 AM-Mass Easter II	Crucifer - J. Dench Torchbearer - Bryan Hough Torchbearer - Steve Dillon Bookbearer/Server - Carl Meeker
Sunday, May 8, 2011 10:00 AM-Mass Easter III	Crucifer - Steve Dillon Torchbearer - Jason Dench Torchbearer - Carl Meeker Book BearerServer - Charles Maurukas
Sunday, May 15, 2011 10:00 AM - Mass Easter IV	Crucifer - Bryan Hough Torchbearer - Charles Maurukas Torchbearer - Steve Dillon Bookbearer/Server - Jason Dench
Sunday, May 22, 2011 10:00 AM - Mass Easter V	Crucifer - Carl Meeker Torchbearer - Bryan Hough Torchbearer - Jason Dench Bookbearer/Server - Charles Maurukas
Sunday, May 29 2011 10:00 AM - Mass Easter VI	Crucifer - Charles Maurukas Torchbearer - Steve Dillon Torchbearer - Bryan Hough Bookbearer/Server - Carl Meeker

**MONEY COUNTERS FOR MONTH OF MAY
Mitch Holland and Mike Fitzgerald**

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS FOR APRIL

May	1	-	Helen Solt, Jerry & Betsy Bowersox
May	8	-	Nancy Andrews & Sara Witmer
May	15	-	Cathy Fetters
May	22	-	Charles & Judy Hilderbrand
May	29	-	No Coffee Hour—Memorial Day

MAY BIRTHDAYS – 2011

May	1	-	Devin Witherite Avery North
May	3	-	Bette Shugert
May	6	-	Karen Harvey
May	8	-	Betty Miller Eric Veneziano
May	11	-	Andreea King
May	20	-	Michael Duminiak
May	22	-	Blanche Maurukas Mary Wierbowski
May	25	-	Dean Zong Darlyn Zimble
May	27	-	Claudia Loven
May	31	-	E. Kay Putnam

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"HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL"

MAY 2011

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|--|-------------------------------------|---|--|---|---|--|
| 1 EASTER II
8 am-Mass-Rite I
10 am-Mass-Rite II
Coffee Hour | 2 St. Mark the Evangelist | 3 St. Philip & St. James, Apostles | 4
9:30am-Mass/Healing | 5
12 Noon-Mass at the Mary Altar, Brown Bag Lunch, Bible Study | 6
11 am-Community Lunch
4-7 pm Public Spaghetti Dinner | 7 |
| 8 EASTER III
8 am-Mass-Rite I
10 am-Mass-Rite II
Coffee Hour | 9 | 10 | 11
9:30 am-Mass/Healing
6 pm-Council of Churches dinner | 12
12 Noon-Mass at the Mary Altar, Brown Bag Lunch, Bible Study | 13 | 14
9 am Green Team – Clean out of the undercroft |
| 15 EASTER IV
8 am-Mass-Rite I
10 am-Mass-Rite II
Coffee Hour | 16 | 17 | 18 9:30 am-Morning Prayer | 19
No Noon Mass
2 pm-Centre Crest Mass | 20 | 21 |
| 22 EASTER V
8 am-Mass-Rite I
10am-Mass-Rite II
Coffee Hour | 23
<i>Herald Deadline</i> | 24 | 25
9:30 am-Mass/Healing
7:30 pm=Vestry Meeting | 26
12 Noon-Mass at the Mary Altar, Brown Bag Lunch, Bible Study | 27
7:00 pm-Supper Club, Hublersburg Hotel | 28 |
| 29 EASTER VI
8 am-Mass-Rite I
10 am-Mass-Rite II | 30 | 31 Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary | | | | |

