



TOGETHER

February 2013

A word from Our Rector

Dear Friends,

The date of Easter swings in a wide arc of possibilities in early spring—all the way from March 22 to April 25. This year it's March 31, distinctly early. Some have remarked that this varied range is inconvenient and confusing. Why not just settle on one standard Sunday, maybe the first or second Sunday in April? Much more efficient. Maybe so, but not quite as interesting. And God himself seems often to go for "interest" rather than "efficiency"—at least as we see it.

"Easter Day is always the Sunday after the full moon that occurs on or after the spring equinox on March 21." (There are some additional complexities that I'm not going to try to cover. That'll do for now.)

Easter varies because, like Passover, it's tied not just to solar, but also lunar cycles. As we know, the cycles of moon and sun do not neatly coincide with one another. Ancient peoples paid a lot of attention to this. Their lives depended on it. We tend to get removed and insulated from the patterns of creation. Frankly, I don't know if that really constitutes healthy "progress."

The cycles in our worship expand and contract year to year, in the interplay between fixed and moveable observances. It's a little like an accordion—or maybe, like lungs breathing in and out. In addition to connecting us to history and creation, the wandering Easter celebration in our calendars reminds us that Jesus Christ comes to us—as Lord and Savior—right in the midst of our still enduring complexities.

The high priority we place on corporate worship at the church also reminds us that we are to build our lives around Jesus—rather than the futile attempt to fit bits and pieces of him around our all-too-busy, all-too-distracted "reality."

According to the church calendar this year, we begin Lent on Wednesday, February 13. "Soon, yet very soon!" So I encourage us to look at our personal schedules, deliberately, with a view to a full and mindful Lenten pilgrimage: participating in special services, coming to church each and every Sunday, and taking advantage of opportunities for Christian education, spiritual formation, and godly service.

Through all these, we seek to draw near to the One who has already drawn near to us—who is already drawing us in the power of the Spirit, "so that [we] may take hold of the life that really is life." (1 Timothy 1:19) Thanks be.

Yours in Christ,

Adam +

A word from Our Pastoral Associate

“You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, prepared for those who love you.” (BCP p.379)

This month, beginning February 13, marks the beginning of our Lenten journey together. Lent is a particularly sacred time in our church calendar. It is a time of self-examination, repentance, and preparation for the coming of our Risen Lord at Easter. Whether we engage in fasting of some sort, adding a spiritual discipline, or both, I would like to invite all of us to, as Dame Julian of Norwich would put it, to come to God “naked, plainly, and homely.” For it is in our vulnerability that we can attain divine intimacy. It is my deep joy to walk with all of you during this season of Lent.

In the Name of our Crucified Lord,
Sarah

Adult Education ✦ Sunday at 9:00 a.m.: Remembering the Ladies: the Strong Women of the Hebrew Scriptures, led by Sharon Inger

Conventional wisdom is always quick to remind us that the world of the Old Testament was a patriarchal society – the world of Abraham and Isaac and Jacob. But, as always, we’re going to look at that conventional wisdom in light of what the text actually says. So come and join us for a closer look at the wives and mothers, judges and Jezebels of the Hebrew Scriptures. Maybe we’ll find our Sunday School stories didn’t give us the whole story!

Sunday, Feb. 3: Mothers of Israel – the response of the matriarchs

Sunday, February 10: Daughters and Sisters – protectors of the covenant

Sunday, February 17: “Bad Girls” or Did Eve get a bad rap?

Sunday, February 24: Warriors and Queens – defenders of the people

There’s no need to sign up; just show up if you are interested. Questions? Ask Sharon Inger or Father Adam.

Adult Education ✦ Thursdays at Three



The Adult Education Committee’s successful December *Thursdays at Three* Advent Series titled *Waiting with Mary* consisted of three programs celebrating the Annunciation and Advent in music, poetry and dramatic reading. The meditative spirit was set by the opening and closing of each session with projected images of Mary with accompanying choral music as seen through the ages. Our thanks go to Fay Cole, Ike Cole, Tom Dewing, Bev Dreher, Mike Gatzkiewicz, Jill Holmes, Lucinda Hughes, Bernie Hutchens, Vicky Hutchens, Sharon Inger, Bruce Lederhouse, Lori Linton, Rebecca Linton, Gilbert Merritt, Jody Mines, The Rev. Charles Morris, Wilma Morris, Marjorie O’ Reilly, Helen Richardson, Kathy Udall and to the coordinators Sarah Kelb, The Rev. Adam Linton, and Dilys Smith.

Healing Prayers ✦

Healing prayers will be given on the fourth Sunday of the month following the 10:00 a.m. service. For February this will be the 24th. Fathers Herb Skelly and Bill Heuss will officiate with assistance from the Health Ministry.



Sharing the Blessing / Believe Out Loud ✦ Saturday, February 9 at 2:00 p.m.

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR for a fun time on Saturday, February 9, 2013 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. when we will be putting on a “High Tea” in the Parish Hall. We will have finger foods, tea in beautiful china, and we will be entertained with special music.

Scott Daniels

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper ✦ February 12 at 5:30 p.m.

Good Food, Good Fun, Good Singing for the Whole Parish. This is a traditional CHS event sponsored by the Church School with great help from the Youth Group!



Ash Wednesday Services ✦ Wednesday, February 13



Our Ash Wednesday Services will be held at 7:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Fridays in Lent ✦

As we have for a number of years, on Friday evenings of Lent, the Church of the Holy Spirit will offer opportunities for devotion, food, fellowship, and reflection. Beginning on Friday, February 15, the first Friday of Lent, the Stations of the Cross devotion will be offered in church at 5:30 p.m., led by a number of clergy and lay worship leaders.

After Stations, a simple soup and bread supper will be offered in the parish hall at 6:00 o'clock. Signup sheets for hosting this supper will be posted in the reception room.

From February 15 through March 15, in five sessions, the program following will be an expanded version of “Jesus at the Movies,” beginning at 6:30 p.m.

On **February 15**, Father Adam will offer his own presentation, “Jesus at the Movies,” itself. He offered this program previously as one of the breakout session for the ECW Triennial in 2006, Columbus, Ohio. The Triennial is held in conjunction with General Convention, at which he was a Deputy that year. He offered it here to a small group last year in June; its re-showing has been repeatedly requested.

This presentation is a look, through a number film clips, at the various—and sometimes controversial—ways that Christ has been presented at the movies, from the time of the “silents” down to our own time. This thought provoking offering is especially apt for the beginning of Lent.

On **February 22**, we will watch “Henry Poole Is Here,” a whimsical yet haunting portrayal of mortality, love, and the question of miracle. The series will then continue in March with Emilio Estevez’ “The Way,” Robert Duvall’s “The Apostle,” and the critically acclaimed documentary, “Traces of the Trade.”

As before on Lenten Fridays, people may participate in whatever portion of these that they desire. In other words, attend whatever part you want; it’s not an inflexible package deal!

Planned Giving, Calendar Year 2013 ✦

The Planned Giving Committee is preparing the January to May 2013 Program. The congregation has responded to the annual Stewardship call to support the financial requirements for the calendar year 2013.

Now the P. G. Committee is reviewing financial programs to support our future years. The Committee extends a special thanks to the late Mrs. Frances Nickerson for her financial contribution to the Church of The Holy Spirit. Over the years, Frannie was a major supporter providing her time, talent and treasure on numerous occasions including the years of providing a “Guiding Hand” as Chair of the Altar Committee as well as answering calls as the Receptionist in the church reception room.

We also send our thanks to the 50 Parishioners who have indicated their commitment to support the Planned Giving Program by including the Church in their financial and/or their Estate Plans.

Members of the committee extend a farewell to Anne Wardrop as she steps down as Chair of the committee. Anne was instrumental in establishing the Planned Giving Program in 2008. Her vision for our parishioners to provide future financial support for the church has proven to be very timely indeed.

We welcome two new members to the P. G. Committee; John Holmes, a former church Treasurer and Sue Sasso, Chair of the Stewardship Committee.

Respectfully submitted, Wes Dreher, Chair

Stewardship ✦

Access

The World Wide Web was released to the public 20 years ago. Today’s technology has given us access to information and people that we have come to rely on and take for granted 24/7.

Through Jesus and prayer, we also have access to God, 24/7. However, at times we need to be in a community to share our faith, learn and grow.

The Church of the Holy Spirit will be 80 years old this year. Through the collective stewardship of past and present parishioners we have preserved and grown our holy place where we can worship and have access to the church 24/7.

Thank you for your continued stewardship of time, talents and treasure. We could not be all that we are without every one of you.

So that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

Ephesians 3: 10-12

Do you want to make a financial pledge to the church?

Please contact the parish office and we will send you a pledge card.

Please pick up your weekly or monthly 2013 offertory envelopes in the reception room.

If you need envelopes, please contact the parish office.

World Day of Prayer ✦ Friday, March 1, 2013

The World Day of Prayer is a worldwide ecumenical movement of Christian women on many traditions who come together to observe a common day of prayer each year on the first Friday in March. The organizing committee from France chose the theme “I was a Stranger and You Welcomed Me.” Please join us (men and women welcome) at the **Federated Church in Orleans at 1:00 p.m.**

Vestry Highlights – January 17, 2013

RECTOR'S REPORT: Fr. Adam reported that Bishop Shaw has announced his retirement. The election of a Bishop Coadjutor will take place at special Diocesan Convention on Conference April 5, 2014.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Jack Nixon, Acting Treasurer, presented and discussed the Monthly, End-of-Year reports and the 2013 Budget. Vestry accepted the reports and confirmed the adoption of the budget.

PROCLAMATION:

Church School and Youth Group: The Church School Team reviewed the activities of the Advent/Christmas season and made some tweaking to make things run smoother next year. They also started to outline their budget for the upcoming year. "Going on a Journey" tryouts will occur February 3rd after church, February 10th Children's Instructional Eucharist, February 12th Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, February 22nd Communion Preparation Class begins.

Angelica Center: The Angelica Center will present presentations by three outstanding speakers in the spring: Barbara Brown Taylor on April 13; Kathleen Norris on June 8; and Walter Brueggemann on July 27, each of these in the Parish Hall at 2 p.m.

WELCOMING:

Welcoming Committee/Pathfinders: Both groups are busy with the final preparations of the Newcomers reception on January 17th.

SERVING:

Outreach: Items discussed were: the Big Brother/Big Sister program would like a wider Cape presence; Together We Can has been re-activated in Orleans; possible participation in the Habitat Apostles Build in Orleans; Eastham After School Program; and reviewed the 2013 budget.

Justice and Peace: Discussed ideas for future advocacies. Fair Trade items and now for sale in the parish hall and looking for a better place for displaying these items. A Martin Luther King observance and luncheon will be held at CHS on January 21st.

Building and Grounds: The maintenance and repair items for 2013 were discussed. Nat Goddard will serve as Chairman of this committee.

WARDENS' REPORT: The calendar for next year is being developed. Participation in the upcoming Habitat for Humanity Orleans build was discussed. The annual parish meeting will be held on January 27.

NEXT REGULAR VESTRY MEETING: Thursday, February 21, 2013, at 7:00 pm in the Fireplace Room

Carol Call, Clerk

FAIR TRADE: CAPITALISM WITH A HUMAN FACE

The film, "Lincoln," tells the story of the struggle to end slavery in the USA. That struggle has not ended. In our globalized economy, dominated by multi-national corporations, there is widespread exploitation of workers to the point of virtual slavery as well as environmental destruction. The FAIR TRADE movement across the earth is an effort by small businesses (mostly faith based) to establish an ethical capitalism with small worker owned cooperatives and associations who receive a fair profit for their products and who practice organic environmentally safe production methods. We can support this movement for justice by purchasing Fair Trade coffee, tea, sugar, chocolate and olive oil. Please see our display in the Parish Hall main entrance LOBBY. Questions? See Fr. Ken.



ADVOCACY ALERT

The Justice and Peace Committee in January began an email ministry of sending a one page email 'advocacy alert' 4 to 6 times a year to some 80 parish individuals and families. The issues addressed will always be based upon resolutions and policies of the Episcopal Church formulated by our diocesan and national conventions and our bishops and Presiding Bishop. In our Baptismal Covenant we make a solemn promise to God to be advocates for all God's children, especially the poor and the oppressed. As Deacon Dan put it in a recent sermon, "to cross the line." Our first email mailing is on gun safety. If you did not receive it and would like to do so please speak with Bob Winter or Fr. Ken.

Thank You ✦



My family and I would like to thank every one of you for the kindness, caring, concern and love that you showed to us when Steve passed away. It was a difficult time having lost him so suddenly, but all of you helped ease the pain by being there. We greatly appreciate our Holy Spirit family.

Judy Erickson and family

Entered into Eternal Life

Gardiner Bridge,
Trudy Lockwood,
Janine Cauhapé Santoro
and
Marian B. Truax



Office Corner ✦

March Together deadline: The deadline is **Monday, February 11**. We are trying to keep to the new 8-page standard, so please submit brief articles that cover events and news relevant to the coming month, or very early the following month.

Artist of the Month: featuring Robin & Sharyn - Sharyn & Robin ✦

The featured CHS artists for the month of February are Robin & Sharyn, Sharyn & Robin.

HANDS FOR WORK - HEARTS FOR GOD

Robin McLaughlin is a costume designer & creator of *Journey Bags by Robin Elizabeth Creations*. Most recently Robin designed the costumes for The Giver at HJT. Robin's *Journey Bags* can be seen at www.capecodjourneybags.com, on Facebook - Robin Elizabeth Creations & at Handmade Gallery LA in California.

Sharyn Laughton is a liturgical graphic artist & designer. Her seasonal design work & cards can be seen at Orleans Wholefood Store. Her rock collage work and cards can be seen at Left Bank Gallery in Wellfleet & Orleans.



Calling CHS artists to sign up to sell/exhibit your art for one month in 2013. MARCH IS OPEN!
The sign-up sheet is by the exit door in the Gallery/Reception Room.

Free Shop ✦



The Free Shop is gladly and gratefully accepting your donations of clean WINTER CLOTHING.....please hold all spring & summer clothing until the appropriate month! The shop is limited in space to store donations received that are not appropriate for the present season.

Donations can be dropped off any time the Parish Hall is open. If the shop is closed there is a container outside the door. Shop hours are:
Monday - 12 noon to 3 and Wednesday - 10 to 1. THANK YOU!

Kathy Chapman (508 255 5647) and Sharyn Laughton (508 255 7277)

Gathering Together ✦ Thursday, February 7, 12 Noon

Luncheon for All the Women of the Parish: Thursday, February 7

The next luncheon for women in our parish is Thursday, February 7, 2013, 12 noon in the Parish Hall. Volunteers for the day are Marty Williams, Bev Dreher, Betty Yearing, Dot Cross and Bobbi Nickerson. Bring a sandwich to share and call Peter Blank at 508-760-1516 if you need a ride. Come join us and bring a friend!



CHS will be observing the **Presidents' Day** holiday on
Monday, February 18.
The office will be closed.

Together February 2013

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Or current occupant



***Our mission as The Church of the Holy Spirit is
to proclaim Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord,
welcome all people and serve one another with love.***

Dates to remember



***Thursday, February 7, Ladies Luncheon
Monday, February 11, Together deadline
Tuesday, February 12, 5:30 p.m., Shove Tuesday Pancake Supper
Wednesday, February 13, Ash Wednesday Services:
7:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.
Thursday, February 14, Happy Valentine's Day!
Friday, February 15 & 22, 5:30 p.m., Stations of the Cross;
followed by Soup Supper and "Jesus at the Movies"
Monday, February 18, Presidents' Day - Office Closed
Friday, March 1, World Day of Prayer***