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# TOGETHER

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## A word from our Rector

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Dear Friends,

On the weekend of **June 14 and 15** the Church of the Holy Spirit will be blessed to have with us **the Most Reverend Frank Griswold**, Twenty-fifth Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church.

Offering the second of our Angelica series this year, Bishop Griswold will be speaking on Saturday, June 14, 2:00 p.m., in our Parish Hall. His topic is “**Grace: More Than We Can Ask or Imagine.**”

To reserve tickets please contact Tom Dewing, Director of our Angelica Center for Spiritual Living, either by phone or e-mail:

**508-255-2656**

**st.dewing@verizon.net**

There is a *suggested* donation of \$20 (which helps us cover expenses). However, I’ll stress again that we don’t want anyone to stay away if that might be a burden. We do ask that people reserve tickets, if possible. (This is helpful for us.) Nevertheless, we will accommodate walk-ins on the day of the event as best as we can.

Bishop Griswold will also be preaching and presiding at the 10:00 a.m. Eucharist the next day, Sunday, June 15. Trinity Sunday, none-the-less!

Simply put, this is too good and important opportunity to miss. This is a weekend to make sure that you come to church.

And why should you want to hear Frank Griswold?

In short, I’d say that he represents—effectively and well—the best of Episcopal experience: real, living continuity with the historic Christian tradition—but in an openness, generosity, inclusivity, and presence with contemporary concerns that is profoundly attractive.

Additionally, he offers an authentic “spirituality” that is well-informed, articulate—and *practical*.

I am much looking forward to sharing this wonderful occasion with you.

Yours in Christ,

Adam +

## ***A word from our Assistant Rector***

*“Lovely and Compelling God, draw us to your beauty so that our lives will glow with reverence for you.”*

Some of you may know that I recently completed an advanced Master’s Degree in Sacred Theology, and several of you have inquired about my thesis. Well, I titled my thesis “Divine Beauty: Experiencing God Through Sight and Sound.” The purpose of my thesis was to examine divine beauty as experienced through the senses. Since Western Christian Spirituality emerged out of Eastern Christian Spirituality, the thesis examined both traditions.

Now, it is important to point out that Divine Beauty, first and foremost, is found in all aspects of creation and nature. It’s difficult to imagine experiencing the beauty of nature without at least pondering its originating, in some way, from a divine being. That being said, my thesis closely focused on the incarnational beauty as manifested by the creativity of human endeavors.

This thesis also offered a working definition of theological aesthetics and the reemergence of the mystical components that go along with theological aesthetics in the more recent decades. Theological aesthetics describes such sensory knowledge of divine beauty through the arts. The term “aesthetics” itself is derived from the Greek *αισθητικός* (or *aisthetikos*) which means “perception by the senses.” Richard Viladesau has suggested that theological aesthetics are “concerned with questions about God and issues in theology in the light of and perceived through sense knowledge (sensation, feeling, imagination), through beauty, and the arts.”

The purpose of this endeavor was to encourage the reader of the thesis to delve deeper into a more sensual and spiritual experience of God. To put it another way, this endeavor was meant to encourage the reader to gain a deeper desire for “heart, body, and soul knowledge” of God. This kind of knowledge may be difficult to experience in any other way outside of one’s senses.

This deepening of “heart knowledge” of God can lead a person to experience, transcendence and/or transfiguration. This change of being will, in turn, cause transformation.

The thesis was written to, hopefully, cause the reader to desire the transformation that springs out of experiencing divine beauty. This kind of transformation may result in a person being so enraptured by God that their attitude towards God, God’s beloved, and all of God’s creation, may stir up the to desire to love more deeply. This in turn, will result in positive action that pours out from a deep love of God. In other words, a person’s moral being is altered through being transformed from experiencing divine beauty.

It is also the hope that those who are engaged in ministry, in some way, will find ways of creating a sacred space that engages the senses. Again, this will, in turn create the space to move deeper into experiencing divine beauty.

I am sharing all of this partially as a means of hopefully enticing many of you to engage in experiencing Divine Beauty through our senses during Thursdays at Three during the month of July. In other words, I will be offering an interactive version of my thesis during Thursdays at Three. I look forward to this journey towards Divine Beauty with you.

*In the Name of our Risen and Ascended Lord,*

*Sarah+*

## Events in June

### **Parish Cookout**

**June 1st (Sunday)**

On June 1, the Church School and the Shepherd Groups are sponsoring a Parish Cookout on Sunday at 11:30 am (just after the 10:00 service). Come to this wonderful intergenerational event!

### **Toast and Jam Concert**

**June 2nd (Monday)**

On Monday evening, June 2, at 7:00 pm there will be a fund-raising concert of the popular group Toast and Jam in the Parish Hall. The suggested price for tickets is \$15. Come hear original bluegrass, modern folk and swing music by Cape Cod artists! Ticket Sales — Sandy Marshall , 508-255-9971

### **Pentecost**

**June 8th (Sunday)**

Happy Birthday to the Church as well as the Church of the Holy Spirit!

Wear red to church to celebrate the day!

### **The Most Rev. Frank Griswold, 25th Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church June 14th & 15th (Saturday and Sunday)**

June 14th and June 15th are very special days since the Most Rev. Frank Griswold will be here on Cape Cod at the Church of the Holy Spirit. Bishop Griswold is our second speaker from the Angelica Center 2014 Speaker Series.

His topic is "Grace: More than We Can Ask or Imagine". Listen to his lecture on Grace at 2:00 pm on Saturday the 14th with a question session following. He will also be preaching at the 10:00 am service on Sunday the 15th. The suggested donation for the Saturday lecture is \$20. For tickets and information contact Tom Dewing at 508-255-2656. Don't miss this special event!

### **Thursdays at Three: Justice & Peace**

The J & P committee will sponsor the following films on the four Thursdays of June at 3:00 pm in the Parish Hall.

June 5th: " The Stones Cry Out," (56 mins.) A plea for help from the indigenous Christian community in Israel-Palestine narrated by community leaders: Orthodox, Catholic and Anglican.

June 12th: " Legalize Democracy," (30 mins.) The "We the People," proposed amendment to the US Constitution to limit the power of money to influence government.

June 19th, " Inequality for All," (90 mins.) Prof. Robert Reich addresses wealth and poverty in the USA.

June 26th: " Not My Life," (83 mins.). Narrated by Glenn Close, a documentary about human trafficking and slavery in 13 countries including the USA.

**Women's Luncheon**  
**June 5th (Thursday)**

All women of the parish are invited to the last luncheon until September on Thursday, June 5th, 12 noon in the Parish Hall. Pat Carroll and Betty Yearing are bringing dessert and Marty Williams and Susan Owens are in charge of chips, etc. If you need a ride call Peter Blank, 508-760-1516. Don't forget to bring canned goods—and a friend!

**Walking the Labyrinth**  
**June 20th (Friday)**

The Labyrinth is a spiritual walking exercise that quiets and centers to encourage meditation. Margaret Rapaport facilitates a walk at 10:00 am on June 20th on our indoor canvas Chartres-style Labyrinth. This one hour walk is candle-lit and is accompanied by music courtesy of Darlene Hagon. The Labyrinth is available on labyrinth walk days from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm for silent reflection. Please join us!

**Food for Kids**

“It's getting closer to our 2<sup>nd</sup> summer!”

**Training and Informational Meeting For Staff and Volunteers**

**Saturday June 21, 2014**

**9:30 a.m.-12 noon**

Parish Hall, Church of the Holy Spirit, 204 Monument Rd., Orleans

Lunch included! Please call or email Ruth Campbell to sign up!

**1-413-537-9200 [rwcampbell@verizon.net](mailto:rwcampbell@verizon.net)**

**Meeting House Chamber Music Festival Concerts**  
**June 23rd and 30th (Mondays)**

Come to the Parish Hall Monday the 23rd and/or the 30th at 8:00 pm for a concert with the Meeting House Chamber Music Festival Concerts. This ensemble will take you away with their beautiful chamber music.

**Shepherd Groups**

The Shepherd Groups are off for the summer. Look for their write ups and gatherings in September!

**Galley West - Summer Hours\*:**

Monday - Thursday: 10-3

Friday: 10-12

Sunday: 11-12

Come to see the new, hard to resist soft plush animals appealing to all ages as well as our Rada knives and varied handcrafted hammered aluminum gifts and assorted items made by Guild members. We have something for everyone!

\* Starting June 16th

**Youth Group**

I want to take this opportunity to thank all of the families that have shared their children with me over the last 8 years. It has truly been a privilege and a blessing; to play, to serve, to travel and just to get to know the youth of our parish. They have taught me so much more than I ever could have expected, and hopefully somewhere along the way, a few seeds were planted. May those gardens flourish!

With thanks and love, Robin McLaughlin

## **Free Shop - Hours**

Monday: Noon to 3:00 pm

Wednesday: 10:00 am to 1:00 pm

The Free Shop is now gladly and gratefully accepting SPRING/SUMMER clothing donations, to be dropped off any time the Parish Hall is open - a container is located outside the Free Shop door. Thank You!

*Kathy Chapman & Sharyn Laughton - 508 255 7277*

## **Artist of the Month—Leslie Jones**

The featured CHS artist for the month of June in the CHS gallery is LESLIE JONES. Leslie's exhibit consists of prints of her original watercolors, which include her responses to the beauty of Cape Cod and of Oxford, England. Enjoy Leslie's show!

Plans are well underway for the CHS Summer Fair on July 26th.

All CHS artists have the opportunity to be a "vendor" and/or donate one of your "creations" to the CHS ARTIST SHOW at the fair.

All CHS artists were mailed registration forms in May.....  
deadline for returning forms is June 15th.

## **Good Friday Walk (Thank You)**

Each year, in my Lenten Journey through the wilderness to the dark sorrow of Good Friday and beyond to the exultation of the Resurrection, I feel the surer grip of God's hand as he guides me over my own doubt and misgivings. This year, as in past years, our Walk to honor the Sacrifice of Jesus on Good Friday has been filled with blessings, shared sacrifice, abundance, and love which our Lord would find fitting, indeed. I wish to thank all those who had any part in supporting our Good Friday Walk and to thank God for this unique opportunity of service to pay homage to the Sacrifice of Our Lord Jesus Christ. — Rich Weeks

## **Looking Forward**



## **Summer Fair**

**July 26 - 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

JOIN THE FUN! WE NEED YOU! Help CHS and the Food for Kids Program! Drop off books M-F, from 9 am to 3 pm after June 9 in the lower level of the Parish Hall. Costume jewelry can be left in the Parish Office. Please drop off other items in the Craft House. WE NEED: Paperbacks (no hardcover) for all ages, baked goods, fresh flowers from your garden, summer toys, games, bikes, sports equipment and beach stuff. RETURNING THIS YEAR: Children's midway, Cake Walk, Church history tours, books for all, summer toys and games, fresh flower arrangements, Food Court, Galley West, Live music from Toast & Jam, wonderful vendors selling arts and crafts, and meet a player from the Orleans Firebirds. NEW THIS YEAR: Harwich Junior Theater Presentation. SIGN-UP SHEETS WILL BE IN THE PARISH HALL. LET'S MAKE IT A FABULOUS DAY FOR KIDS OF ALL AGES! Questions? Call Marcia Bechtold (508-255-0611) or Phil Suraci (508-240-2785).

## General Articles

### **Bishop Gayle Harris to lead Holy Land pilgrimage**

Bishop Harris will be leading a mission pilgrimage in Israel and Palestine, Nov. 9-21, and invites members of the diocese to join her. The trip is an opportunity to connect with the mission of God in the Diocese of Jerusalem and will include visits to holy sites in Jerusalem, Bethlehem, the Jordan Valley and Dead Sea, Nazareth, Galilee, Nablus and Ramallah.

The deadline for registering is Aug. 1. Estimated cost is \$3,700 per person (double occupancy), with all payments due by Oct 10. All participants will meet several times in September and October to prepare together for the pilgrimage. More information is available by contacting Marsha Searle at 617-482-4826 ext 445 or [msearle@diomass.org](mailto:msearle@diomass.org)

### **Adult Education**

Adult Education is at 9:00 am in the Parish Hall every Sunday June 1 through June 29. The June topic is "Beginning with Barth (part one)", led by Father Adam. Part two will be in August and September.

### **Garden Party June 6th (Friday)**

The next Garden Party is June 6th from 8:30 to 11:30 am. With respect to the last Garden Party here's what transpired.

What a GREAT group they are! The Church grounds continue to look great and we're set for another good summer. Jay and Fay must have removed gallons of faded daffodil blooms. How wonderful the daffodil are in full bloom and how ragged they look as they fade. Good job ladies. Bob Hubby's, Marthy's and Jean's planting of the bulbs left from the Easter altar will look good for a few more days but will be outstanding next spring. Ike's and Sue's discrete pruning of overgrown shrubs will freshen up some of our older plantings and get them back in scale. Bob Collins and Jim Templeman (a part time resident and personal friend) neatened the north parking lot by replaced all the handicap parking sign's posts. The signs are now neat, straight and stable. Brian was there early and was spreading mulch as we arrived. Mulching seems to be Brian's special calling and he does a great job of keeping the beds mulched. Nat did his thing with the Tanaka brush cutter and removed the last thicket of briars between the north lot and 28. We now can be seen from 28 and we look good as you drive by. Jack Nixon and Marty did a great job of getting the Memorial Garden spiffed up for spring and ready for an ashes interment today. Jan, Marty, and Jay also did a great job of tidying up in front of the Parish hall. Many thanks — Gilbert

### **Book Discussion Group**

In preparation for the visit of the Most Rev. Frank Griswold we will be reading "Going Home: An Invitation to Jubilee".



### ***Entered into Eternal Life***

*David Hume*

## **May Vestry Highlights (minutes were approved as amended)**

The activities of the Food for Kids program was updated. Director Ruth Campbell has announced that no church monies will be needed to run the program, but that she welcomes the help of many parish members, including many young people, who are working on meal preparation and distribution. She reports all financial activity to the Treasurer's Office. The vestry appointed Kathy Goddard to join Phil Suraci and Sally Dewing on the oversight committee.

The rector called particular attention to the visit on June 14 and 15 of the Most Rev. Frank Griswold for the Angelica Center presentation on Saturday, June 14 at 2PM, and his return on the 10AM service on Sunday. Bishop Griswold is noted for his warm and compassionate nature and his preaching ability to bring understanding to difficult subjects!

Treasurer Jack Nixon explained some "Budget Adjustments" made necessary by changes in parish income and expenses. These were accepted by the vestry.

Among announcements by the various ministries during the past month: (1) James Howe will come to speak on bullying and other subjects in a talk, "We are All Misfits" on May 30 at 5:30 in the Parish Hall. (2) Brian introduced a "Kids to Camp" program, which we will discuss next month. (3) Buildings and Grounds announced repairs to the new door openers and their plan to buy a new surge protector specifically for the organ. (4) The vestry applauds Bob Winter, who has just received an honorary award from the Cape Cod Chapter of the Fellowship of Reconciliation. (5) Acolytes from the third grade are now being trained.

Respectfully submitted, Dilys Jones Smith (Clerk)

## **PARISH HALL BULLETIN BOARD DISPLAYS**

To enjoy a visual image of the many activities going on at CHS you just have to tour Parish Hall. Start with the foyer and you'll find the featured up-coming events, as well as the Welcoming table and the Summer Fair sign up. Then venture into Parish Hall--on your immediate left is the rotating display of Parish Ministries (for June: Environmental Stewardship and EfM, for July, the Guilds and Galley West), next view Outreach and Habitat for Humanity news; Administration news is on the far left. Next to the Kitchen is the ongoing Health Ministries display. Your tour is complete & you now know why we're known as an active church community!

## **Recent Graduates**

We send a special prayer and "You Rock" to our graduates! Sarah Kimball graduates from Sturgis High-school and Carl Wildman graduates from the School of Engineering at U Mass Amherst.

Please contact the Office to let us know if you know if you have any class of 2014 graduates as friends or family members and we will list their names in the July edition of Together.

## **Office Corner**

The Deadline for July and August Together is the 2nd Monday in June (June 9th).

***Together June 2014***

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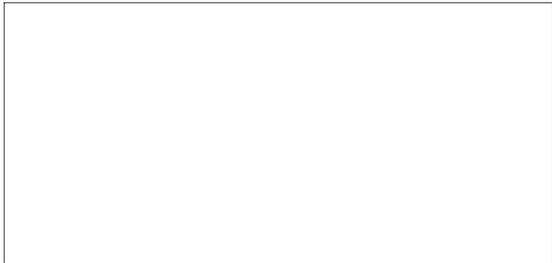
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***Or current occupant***



***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 in June***

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| <b>Sunday 1</b>      | <b>Parish Cookout</b>                         |
| <b>Monday 2</b>      | <b>Toast and Jam Concert</b>                  |
| <b>Thursdays</b>     | <b>Thursdays at Three</b>                     |
| <b>Sunday 8</b>      | <b>Bell Choir at 10:00 am Church Service</b>  |
| <b>Saturday 14</b>   | <b>The Most Rev. Frank Griswold</b>           |
| <b>Friday 20</b>     | <b>Labyrinth</b>                              |
| <b>Saturday 21</b>   | <b>Food For Kids Information and Training</b> |
| <b>Monday 23, 30</b> | <b>Meeting House Chamber Music Festival</b>   |